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PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE GRAND LODGE

Of Ancient

Free and Accepted Masons

OF CANADA,

AT AN

ESPECIAL COMMUNICATION HELD AT PORT DALHOUSIE, ONT.

ON THE 24th DAY OF JUNE, A. D., 1868, A. L., 5868,

ALSO,

ONE HELD AT DUNDEE CENTRE, P. Q., ON THE FIRST DAY
OF JULY, A. D., 1868, A. L., 5868,

AS LIKEWISE AT ITS

Thirteenth Annual Communication,

HELD AT LONDON, ONT.,

On the 8th day of JULY, A. D., 1868, A. L., 5868.



ORDERED TO BE READ IN ALL LODGES AND PRESERVED.



A. A. STEVENSON, MONTREAL, P. Q.,

GRAND MASTER.

THOMAS BIRD HARRIS, HAMILTON, ONTARIO,

GRAND SECRETARY.



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Grand Lodge of Canada.

PROCEEDINGS

Of an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, held at Port Dalhousie, Ont., on Wednesday, the 24th June, A. D., 1868, A. L., 5868.

PRESENT :

R. W. Br.	James Seymour, D. D. G. M.,	as Grand Master.
" " "	Hon. H. B. Bull, No. 6,	as Deputy Grand Master.
V. " "	Isaac P. Wilson, No. 36,	as Grand Senior Warden.
" " "	Wm. B. Beeton, No. 103,	as Junior " "
R. " "	Rev. Vincent Clementi,	" Chaplain.
" " "	Moses Betts, No. 168,	as " Treasurer.
" " "	J. C. Karr, No. 169,	as " Registrar.
R. " "	Thomas B. Harris,	" Secretary.
" " "	S. J. J. Brown, No. 2,	as " Senior Deacon.
" " "	Geo. Walker, No. 40,	as " Junior " "
V. " "	John King, No. 101,	as " Sup't of Works.
" " "	H. Carlisle, No. 103,	as " Dir. of Cer.
" " "	Wm. S. Spillette, No. 7,	as " Asst. do.
" " "	W. Chatfield, No. 15,	as " Sword Bearer.
" " "	D. W. Bixby, No. 15,	as " Organist.
" " "	Jas. Brydges, No. 168,	as " Pursuivant.
" " "	John Bartle, No. 105,	} " Stewards.
" " "	And. G. Hill, No. 168,	
" " "	A. K. Scholfield, No. 36,	
" " "	Wm. Bell, No. 36,	
" " "	A. P. M. Colver, No. 15,	as " Tyler.

About 300 Brethren, hailing from the following Lodges :—
Niagara Lodge, No. 2 ; St. George's Lodge, No. 15 ; Welland

Lodge, No. 36 ; Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 103 ; Merritt Lodge, No. 168 ; Macnab Lodge, No. 169 ; and members from Lodges No. 6, 7, 32, 35, 40, 61, 101, 105, 165, and several distinguished American brethren.

R. W. Bro. James Seymour informed the Brethren that the M. W. Grand Master had deputed him as his representative, for the purpose of opening a Special Grand Lodge, and to take charge of the Ceremonies of laying the foundation stone of "St. John's" Church, Port Dalhousie, Ontario.

A Grand Lodge was opened in *form* at high Twelve.

A procession was then formed in the order as laid down by the Book of Constitution, under the guidance of the acting Directors of Ceremonies, and headed by the band, the whole proceeded to the site of the new Church. On arriving there, the Brethren opened column, (the band passing to the right and still playing,) when the Acting Grand Master, Grand and Acting Officers, passed to the front, and were received and conducted to the edifice by the Rev. A. Dixon, A. B., Rector, the Archdeacon of Niagara, Rev. Henry Holland, Rev. T. T. Robarts, and Rev. W. Creighton. A triumphal arch of evergreens and beautiful flowers, decorated with Masonic insignia and flags, was erected at the entrance to the site of the Church.

THE CHURCH CEREMONY.

The impressive Church Ceremony was commenced by the choir singing Bro. J. P. Clark's *Te Deum*, when the 48th and 122nd Psalms were read. The Hymn *Jerusalem the Golden*, from Hymns A. and M., was next sung, after which, prayer (including the collect for St. John the Baptist's Day) was offered up by the Archdeacon. Then the Rev. Canon Dixon delivered a very eloquent and interesting address, which was listened to with deep attention by all present.

The splendid *Hymn to the Trinity* was then sung with great effect, which closed the religious exercises. Miss Jessie Read presided at the melodeon with much taste and ability during the service, and was ably assisted by an efficient choir.

THE MASONIC CEREMONY.

The Masonic Ceremony was then begun by the Acting G. M. delivering the following appropriate introductory address :

“ Men, women, and children, here assembled to-day, know all of you that we are lawful Masons, true to the laws of our country, and established of old, with peace and honor in most countries, to do good to our Brethren and fellow-creatures, to assist in the erection of buildings, and to fear God, who is the G. A. of all things. It is alleged by the uncharitable that we have secrets, which is true ; but as these are lawful and honorable, they should be so regarded, and not treated as a reproach against us. Every human association has secrets, —yea, even private families and individuals ; and these secrets they are equally careful in concealing. To the worthy who seek admission to our portals, our secrets are cheerfully confided. They have only to knock, and the door is opened unto them. But to the unworthy, the secrets of Masonry are too pure and holy to be revealed ; hence many knock in vain. It is also urged that bad men creep into our fold, which we cannot gainsay. But this being so is no argument against our ancient Order, whose great light is the Holy Bible ; whose teachings inculcate piety and virtue, mingled with the ennobling principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth ; and whose records from time immemorial show that the commands of the G. A. O. T. U., thundered from Mount Sinai, have no more devout observers over the face of the earth than faithful Freemasons, who

“ Meet upon the *Level* and act upon the *Square*,
And *Plumb* their deeds to keep in view
God's laws and gems most rare.”

Were this otherwise, the prince and the potentate, the philosopher and the sage, would not be enrolled amongst our

membership, nor would our R. W. Grand Chaplain and many other eminent Divines countenance our mysteries and take the prominent part they do in spreading the cement that indissolubly binds us together. The immutability of the principles on which Masonry is founded, has preserved the institution from decay, and to-day it lifts its hoary head, venerable and respected, for the silent but sure work it has performed in benefitting the human family. Originally operative, but in later years more speculative in its functions, it can readily be seen why the Masonic Order has borne so conspicuous a part in the erection of all stately and superb edifices, from King Solomon's Temple downwards; and also why they should at this time participate in the important work of rearing another Temple, wherein the name of God shall be praised, and where the people shall be taught to incline their hearts to keep His law.

In assembling here to-day, in compliance with your request, to assist in laying the Foundation or Corner Stone of this new Church, according to the ancient rites of our honorable fraternity, we but follow the example of a long line of illustrious predecessors, and "rejoice that the Lord hath put it into the hearts of His people to do this thing." May this edifice not only become an ornament to your thriving village, but also be the means of increasing accommodation for religious instruction; and, while admiring the energy of its promoters, we pray God to prosper the undertaking, if it seem good to Him, that it may become a building for good men and good deeds, and for the promotion of religious harmony and brotherly love, till the World's Great Architect shall summon us to the Church triumphant, there to praise Him for ever and ever."

Response—So mote it be.

The Grand Chaplain then implored a blessing from Heaven on the undertaking :

"Great Architect of the Universe ! Maker and Ruler of all the worlds ! deign from thy celestial temple, from realms of light and glory, to help us in all the purposes of our present

assembly. We humbly pray thee to give us at this and at all times wisdom in all our doings, strength of mind in all our difficulties, and the beauty of harmony in all our Communications. Permit us, oh! thou Author of life and light, great source of love and happiness, to erect this building, so that hereafter it may be useful and blessed for the all-important purposes for which it is intended, and the promotion of 'Thy glory.'

The Brethren responded—Glory to God in the highest! As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Grand Secretary read the parchment inscription, as follows :

[Photograph of the Church from original design.]

By the favor of Almighty God,

On the Twenty-fourth day of June, A. D., 1868,

Of the era of Freemasonry, 5868,

And in the 32nd year of the reign of our beloved Sovereign,

Queen Victoria,

The Rt. Honorable CHARLES STANLEY, VISCOUNT MONCK,

Baron Monck, &c., &c., &c.,

Being Governor General of the Dominion of Canada,

And GEN. STISTED, Lieut. Governor of the Province of Ontario,

WM. MERCER WILSON, Esq., LL.D., M. W. Grand Master,

AND

Rev. Alex. Dixon, A. B., Canon *Rector.*

J. P. Boomer and W. H. Read..... *Churchwardens.*

Messrs. Gundry and Langley..... *Architects.*

V. W. Bro. S. G. Dolson..... *Contractor.*

The Corner Stone of this St. John's Church

(Erected by public subscription for the worship of the Most High,)

was laid by

The Right Worshipful Bro. JAMES SEYMOUR,

District Deputy Grand Master, Hamilton District,

Attended and assisted by

An especial Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Canada,

and various Lodges and Brethren,

Whom may God prosper.

The acting Treasurer then put the glass vase in the stone, containing the following documents and coins :

1—Parchment inscription; 2—List of officers of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and Proceedings of 1867; 3—List of officers of Masonic Lodges, Royal Arch Chapter, and Encampment in St. Catharines; 4—List of the Clergy of the Diocese of Toronto, and Proceedings of Synod for 1868; 5—Names of Rector, Churchwardens, Superintendent of Sunday School, and Scholars; 6—List of Municipal Officers and Common School Trustees of Port Dalhousie Village; 7—Names of subscribers to Illuminated Window; 8—Coins, 1, 5, 10 and 20 cent pieces (Canadian), and a very rare ancient Mexican coin, presented by Bro. R. Wood. Copies of *Constitutional*, *Globe*, *Leader*, *Journal* and *Times*. The name of the donor of the valuable site of the Church, N. H. Pawling, Esq., of Louth, was also inserted.

The acting Grand Superintendent of Works next placed a brass plate over the orifice, on which was engraved this inscription: "St. John's Church, Port Dalhousie; Foundation Stone laid with Masonic Ceremonies, June 24th, A. D. 1868."

J. P. Boomer, Esq., Churchwarden, for the ladies of the congregation, here presented a beautiful silver Trowel to the acting G. M., requesting him to accept the implement as a gift from them, and to lay the stone according to ancient Masonic usage. It is thus inscribed :

"Presented to JAMES SEYMOUR, Esq., D. D. G. M., H. D., of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Canada, by the Ladies, at the laying of the Foundation Stone of St. John's Church, Port Dalhousie, Ontario, 24th June, A. D. 1868, A. L. 5868."

After receiving the Trowel, and also a handsome Gavel made for the occasion, the A. G. M., standing in the east, having on his right hand the Acting D. G. M., and the acting Grand Wardens on his left, assisted by the Contractor, spread the cement, and the upper stone was lowered by three regular stops, after which the acting Grand Junior Warden applied the plumb, the acting Grand Senior Warden the level, and the Acting Deputy Grand Master the square.

Band.—National Anthem.

Acting G. M.—Brother Grand Junior Warden, what is the proper jewel of your office?

G. J. W.—The plumb rule.

A. G. M.—Have you applied the plumb rule to the edges of the stone?

G. J. W.—I have, and the craftsmen have done their duty.

The same questions as to level and square, with a like response, were put to and given by the G. S. W. and Acting D. G. Master.

A. G. M.—Brethren: having full confidence in your skill in our royal art, as the representative of our Most Worshipful Grand Master it now remains with me to finish our work. [Three knocks were here given with the gavel.] *Well formed and truly laid*, and may the undertaking be conducted and completed by the craftsmen according to the grand plan, in Peace, Harmony, and Brotherly Love.

The A. G. M. next took from the cornucopia the corn, and scattered it over the stone; and also wine and oil from the silver ewers, which he poured upon the stone, pronouncing the following benediction:

“May corn, wine and oil, and all the necessities of life, abound among men throughout the world; and may the blessing of the Supreme Grand Architect of the Universe be upon this undertaking and all connected with it; and may the same Providence preside over and preserve it from ruin and decay to the latest posterity.”

Response—So mote it be.

The implements and plan of the building were then handed over to the Architect, whom the A. Grand Master thus addressed: “BROTHER ARCHITECT,—The foundation stone of this building being now laid, I present you with the implements applied to it, as also the plan, in full

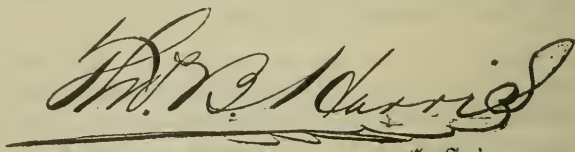
confidence that as a skilful and faithful workman you will use them in such a manner that the building may rise in order, harmony and beauty, and being perfected in strength may answer every purpose for which it is intended, to your credit and the honor of those who have selected you for this work."

After placing upon the stone some coin for the benefit of the workmen, by the Grand Treasurer, the A. G. M. addressed the Rector: "REV'D SIR,—Having completed our work according to the ancient usages of Freemasonry, we offer you our congratulations, and transfer the building to you, in order that, as it has happily begun, it may be carried on by God's good will to a happy completion."

The *Hymn on Laying a Foundation Stone* was then sung to the tune of the "Old Hundredth."

The ceremonies being concluded, the procession was reformed and returned to the Hall.

The Grand Lodge was closed in *form*, with solemn prayer.



G. Sec'y.

Grand Lodge of Canada.

PROCEEDINGS

Of an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, held in the old Presbyterian Church, at Dundee Centre, Province of Quebec, on "Dominion Day," Wednesday, the first day of July, A. D., 1868, A. L., 5868.

PRESENT :

R. W. Bro.	A. A. Stevenson,	D. G. M.,	as	Grand Master.
" "	Alex. Murray,	G. R.,	as	Deputy Grand Master.
" "	M. Gutman,		as	Grand Senior Warden.
" "	Robert Irwin,		as	" Junior "
" "	Rev. Joshua Frazer,		as	" Chaplain.
" "	Wm. Armstrong,		as	" Treasurer.
V. "	Wm. Angus,		as	" Secretary.
" "	John P. Peavey,		as	" Registrar.
" "	Charles Storer,		as	" Senior Deacon.
" "	Alex. Coultrie,		as	" Junior "
" "	Charles Walters,		as	" Supt. of Works.
" "	Henry Grant,		as	" Dir. of Cer.
" "	Norman Macleod,		as	" Sword Bearer.
" "	W. T. Franklin,		as	" Asst. Dir. of Cer.
" "	George A. Pearce,		as	" Organist.
" "	Wm. M. Somerville,		as	" Pursuivant.
" "	Robert Noxon,		as	" Tyler.
" "	Charles Hutchison,	}	as	" Stewards.
" "	W. Bathgate,			
" "	James Somerville,			
" "	J. Cameron,			

Together with a large number of brethren, hailing from the following Lodges, viz: Lodge of Antiquity, Montreal; Barton Lodge, No. 6, Hamilton; True Briton's Lodge, No. 14, Perth; St. George's Lodge, No. 19, Montreal; Zetland Lodge, No. 21, Montreal; Montreal Kilwinning, No. 124, Montreal; Royal Albert, No. 167, Montreal; Victoria Lodge, No. 173, Montreal; Mount Royal Lodge, U. D., Montreal.

The following Lodges, hailing from other jurisdictions, were also largely represented, and took part in the ceremonies, viz: St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 440, E. R., Montreal; One and All Lodge, No. 413, E. R.; Greenock St. John's Lodge, No. 176, R. S., Greenock, Scotland; Elgin Lodge, No. 348, R. S., Montreal; Franklin Lodge, No. 216, Register New York; Aurora Lodge, No. 383, Register New York.

The Grand Lodge was opened in *due form*.

The Acting Grand Secretary read the summons issued by command of the M. W. the Grand Master, calling this Especial Communication of Grand Lodge. The Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies was then instructed to form the procession in the order laid down in the Book of Constitution. On arriving at the site of the new building, the procession opened out, and the Grand Officers marched through to the spot where the stone was to be laid. The Acting G. M. and the other Grand Officers then ascended the platform, when the Acting G. M. spoke as follows:

"Men, women and children, assembled here to behold this ceremony, know all of you that we are lawful Masons, true to the laws of our country, and professing to fear God, who is the Great Architect of the Universe: to honor the Queen: to confer benefits upon our brethren: and to practice universal benevolence towards all mankind.

"We have amongst us, concealed from the eyes of all other men, secrets which may not be revealed, and which no man has discovered; but those secrets are lawful and honorable, and are placed in the custody of Masons, who alone have the keeping of them to the end of time.

"We admit into our Order only such as are reported to be good men and true : of a lawful age, good morals, and sound judgment. We meet upon a level, and are constantly instructed to square our conduct by the principles of Morality and Virtue. Men of every class and rank of life are enrolled as members of our ancient and honorable fraternity ; even monarchs, the most powerful and enlightened, have in all ages been active promoters of our art, and have not thought it derogatory from their dignity to join our assemblies and participate in our mysteries.

"The lapse of time, the ruthless hand of ignorance, and the devastations of war, have laid waste and destroyed many valuable monuments of antiquity on which the utmost exertions of human genius have been employed. Even the Temple of Solomon, so spacious and magnificent, and constructed by so many celebrated artists, escaped not the unsparing ravages of barbaric force. Freemasonry, notwithstanding, has still survived. The attentive ear receives the sound from the instructive tongue, and the mysteries of Masonry are safely lodged in the sacred repository of faithful breasts. Tools and implements of architecture are selected by the fraternity to imprint on the memory wise and serious truths ; and thus, through successive ages, are transmitted pure and unimpaired the excellent tenets of our institution.

"Unless our Craft were good, and our calling honorable, we should not have existed for so many centuries ; nor should we see to-day, as in all time past, so many distinguished and illustrious brethren throughout the civilized world sanctioning our proceedings and contributing to our prosperity.

"Following the example of our illustrious predecessors, we have assembled at your request to lay the foundation stone of this Church, in accordance with the rites of our fraternity. We pray God to prosper this undertaking, and enable those who have commenced the good work to carry it on to completion. May the Great Architect himself direct aright all who are connected with the erection of this building, which is to be consecrated to the worship of the Most High. May it prove a blessing to this community ; and may many within

its walls be brought from darkness into light, and made meet for that spiritual building, that house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens. Amen."

Response—Amen. So mote it be.

The Acting Grand Chaplain, Rev. Bro. Joshua Fraser, then invoked a blessing from the G. A. O. T. U. upon the undertaking.

The Acting Dep. Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Murray, then read the contents of the parchment to be deposited in the cavity of the stone, which was as follows :

By the Blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe,

And in the 32nd year of the benign reign of
HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY

Queen Victoria,

THE RIGHT HONORABLE CHARLES STANLEY,

Viscount Monck, Baron Monck,

Being Governor General of the Dominion of Canada,

AND

SIR NARCISSE F. BELLEAU,

Lieut. Governor of the Province of Quebec,

The Foundation Stone of the Presbyterian Church

Of Dundee Centre,

was laid with Masonic ceremonies by

R. W. Bro. A. A. STEVENSON,

Deputy G. M. of the G. L. of Canada.

[Here followed a list of the officers of the Grand Lodge of Canada for 1867-68. List of all the Lodges, Chapters and Encampments existing within the District of Montreal, &c., &c.]

The above, together with the following documents, were then placed in a bottle, properly sealed, and deposited in the cavity of the stone, viz :

Mr. Croil's report of all the churches in Canada in connection with the denomination. A copy of Synod minutes of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, for 1867. A copy of Synod minutes of the Canada Presbyterian Church for 1867. A copy of the *Presbyterian*, and of the *Juvenile Presbyterian*. A

sketch of the origin and progress of the congregation. A copy of the By-laws of the Church. Copy of deed of Church property. List of contributors towards the erection of new Church. The *Huntingdon Journal*, *Gleaner*; *Montreal Gazette*; *Toronto Leader*, *Educator*, and *Daily News*; together with the following photographs: those of the late Rev. John Livingston, Rev. John Cameron, Rev. Alexander Wallace, Rev. Dr. Muir, Rev. W. C. Clarke, Hon. John Rose, Minister of Finance and Member for the County in the House of Commons, and that of the Rev. D. Ross, pastor of the congregation. Also, the following Canadian coins: 20, 10, 5, and 1 cent pieces.

The Rev. D. Ross, pastor of the congregation of Dundee Centre, then presented to the Acting Grand Master a very handsome silver Trowel, beautifully chased, and bearing the following inscription, viz:

"Presented to A. A. STEVENSON, Esq., Dep. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, A. F. and A. M., by the congregation of Dundee Centre Presbyterian Church, on the occasion of laying the Foundation Stone with Masonic honors, July 1st, 1868."

On receiving which, the Acting G. M. replied:

"Accept my thanks for this beautiful Trowel which you have so kindly presented to me. It is one of the most useful and most highly prized implements of our Craft. I shall preserve your gift, not only as a memento of the interesting proceedings of this day, but also on account of the surpassing beauty of its workmanship, which reflects great credit upon the silversmith who made it."

After receiving the Trowel, and also a handsome Gavel made for the occasion, the A. G. M. spread the cement, and the upper stone was lowered by three regular stops, solemn music being played; after which the Grand Junior Warden applied the plumb, the Grand Senior Warden the level, and the Deputy Grand Master the square.

Acting G. M.—Brother Grand Junior Warden, what is the proper jewel of your office?

G. J. W.—The plumb rule.

A. G. M.—Have you applied the plumb rule to the edges of the stone?

G. J. W.—I have, and the craftsmen have done their duty.

The same questions as to level and square, with a like response, were put to and given by the G. S. W. and acting D. G. Master.

A. G. M.—R. W. and W. Brethren: having full confidence in your skill in our royal art, it remains for me, as the representative of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, to finish the work. [Three knocks were then given by the Acting G. M. with the gavel.] *Well made, truly laid, well proved, true and trusty.* I strew corn upon the stone as the emblem of plenty; I pour wine on it as the emblem of cheerfulness; and I anoint it with oil as the emblem of comfort and consolation.

“May corn, wine, and oil, and all the necessities of life, abound among men; and may the Great Architect of the Universe, who has so kindly blessed us in the proceedings of this day, enable those engaged in the erection of this building to complete it. May He protect the workmen from accident, and long preserve the structure from ruin or decay, that it may serve, for generations yet to come, the glorious purpose for which it is intended.”

Response—So mote it be.

The implements and plan of the building were then handed over to the Architect, whom the A. Grand Master thus addressed: “MASTER ARCHITECT,—The foundation stone of this building being now laid, I present you with the implements applied to it, as also the plan, in full confidence that as a skilful and faithful workman you will use them in such a manner that the building may rise in order, harmony, and beauty; and that when completed, it may establish your reputation as a skilful builder, and reflect credit also upon those who have selected you for this undertaking.”

The following hymn was then sung :

Master Supreme ! accept our praise ;
Still bless this consecrated band ;
Parent of Light ! illumine our ways,
And guide us by thy sovereign hand.

May Faith, Hope, Charity, divine,
Here hold their undivided reign :
Friendship and Harmony combine
To soothe our cares and banish pain.

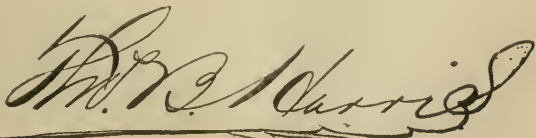
May Wisdom here disciples find,
Beauty unfold her thousand charms ;
Science invigorate the mind,
Expand the soul that virtue warms.

And when our work is finished here,
May we in Hope our charge resign ;
When thou, Grand Master, shall appear,
May we and all mankind be thine.

Coin was then placed upon the stone, for the benefit of the workmen, by the Acting Grand Treasurer, after which the Acting G. M. addressed the pastor of the congregation as follows : "REV'D SIR,—Having completed our work according to the ancient usages of our fraternity, we congratulate you upon the auspicious commencement of this work ; and as it has been so happily begun, may it be steadily continued, and carried on to a speedy and successful termination."

The procession being reformed, the brethren marched back to the old church, and were briefly addressed by the Acting Grand Master.

The business of the Especial Communication being finished, the Grand Lodge was closed in due form.


G. Sec'y.

Grand Lodge of Canada.

PROCEEDINGS

At the Thirteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, held in the City Hall, at the City of London, Ont., on the 8th, 9th, and 10th days of July, A. L., 5868, A. D., 1868.

PRESENT :

M. W. Bro.	William Mercer Wilson,	Grand Master,	
	On the Throne.		
R. W. Bro.	Alex. A. Stevenson,	Deputy Grand Master.	
" " "	Isaac H. Stearns,	Grand Senior Warden.	
" " "	John Turquand,	" Junior "	
" " "	Rev. Vincent Clementi,	" Chaplain.	
" " "	Henry Groff,	" Treasurer.	
" " "	Alexander Murray,	" Registrar.	
" " "	Thomas B. Harris,	" Secretary.	
V. " "	John Clarke,	" Senior Deacon.	
" " "	James Bowman,	" Junior "	
" " "	M. H. Spencer,	" Supt. of Works.	
" " "	William Edgar,	" Dir. of Ceremonies.	
" " "	Thomas White, as Asst.	" Secretary.	
" " "	Peter Begg,	Asst. " Dir. of Ceremonies.	
" " "	J. W. Lethbridge,	" Sword Bearer.	
" " "	George A. Pearce,	" Organist.	
" " "	H. Waterman,	Asst. " Organist.	
" " "	Thomas F. McMullen, as	" Pursuivant.	
" " "	James Heron,	" Tyler.	
" " "	John Paterson,	} " Stewards.	
" " "	Peter J. Brown,		
" " "	Joseph Hursell,		
" " "	James M. Dunn,		
" " "	William Wilkinson,		

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro.	Francis Westlake,	London	District.
" " "	James Seymour,	Hamilton	"
" " "	William McCabe,	Ontario	"
" " "	Donald Fraser,	Prince Edward	"
" " "	John H. Graham,	Eastern Townships	"

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

R. W. Bro.	Sir John A. Macdonald, K. C. B.,	Representative of the United Grand Lodge of England.
" " "	Kivas Tully,	Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.
M. " "	Wm. M. Wilson,	Representative of the Grand Lodge of Illinois; the Grand Orient of St. Domingo, and the Grand Orient of Cuba.
" " "	A. Bernard,	Representative of the Grand Lodge of Vermont and the Grand Orient of New Grenada.
R. " "	Thomas Bird Harris,	Representative of the Grand Lodge of Kansas and the Grand Orient of Portugal.
" " "	John H. Graham,	Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine.
" " "	A. A. Stevenson,	Representative of the Grand Orient of Brazil.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

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A constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the Grand Chaplain implored a blessing from the G. A. O. T. U. upon our proceedings.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada was opened in *Ample* form, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Board of General Purposes, as required by the Constitution, having appointed V. W. Bro. John E. Brooke, R. W. Bro. B. C. Davy, and W. Bro. H. D. Pickel, a Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies from Lodges, reported the following as being present and entitled to take part in the proceedings of Grand Lodge :

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W. Bro. Stevens Baker, W. M.

" James Oliver, J. W.

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W. Bro. George M. Wilkinson, W. M.

" George Creeggan, S. W.

No. 5. *Sussex Lodge, Brockville.*

W. Bro. J. Quigg, P. M. and Proxy.

M. " " W. B. Simpson, P. M.

No. 6.

Barton Lodge, Hamilton.

- V. W. Bro. William Edgar, W. M.
 " W. T. Munday, S. W.
 " Richard Brierley, J. W.
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 " " John W. Murton, P. M.

No. 7.

Union Lodge, Grimsby.

- W. Bro. Robert Kemp, W. M.

No. 8.

Nelson Lodge, Philipsburg.

- R. W. Bro. Isaac H. Stearns, (Proxy.)

No. 9.

Union Lodge, Napanee.

- W. Bro. Fred. Richardson, W. M.
 R. " " B. C. Davy, P. M.
 " " H. M. Wright, P. M.

No. 10

Norfolk Lodge, Simcoe.

- V. W. Bro. John Clarke, W. M.
 " W. P. Kelley, J. W.
 M. " " W. M. Wilson, P. M.
 R. " " Henry Groff, P. M.

No. 11.

Moirs Lodge, Belleville.

- W. Bro. N. B. Falkiner, W. M.

No. 12.

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- W. Bro. Thomas Stevenson, W. M.

No. 16.

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- Bro. George P. Archer, S. W.
 " Robert Fraser, J. W.
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 V. " " James Bain, P. M.
 R. " " Thomas Ridout, P. M.

No. 17.

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- R. W. Bro. W. H. Weller, P. M.

No. 18.

Prince Edward Lodge, Picton.

- W. Bro. Henry T. Wood, W. M.
 R. " " Donald Fraser, P. M.

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- Bro. W. H. Franklin, J. W.
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 R. " " A. A. Stevenson, P. M.

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 R. W. Bro. James Moffat, W. M.
 " Graham Glass, S. W.
 " M. D. Dawson, J. W.
 V. " " John K. Clare, P. M.
 " " R. Booth, P. M.
- No. 21. *Zetland Lodge, Montreal.*
 W. Bro. William Armstrong, W. M.
- No. 22. *King Solomon's Lodge, Toronto.*
 V. W. Bro. Daniel Spry, W. M.
 " " Aug. T. Houcl, P. M.
- No. 23. *Richmond Lodge, Richmond Hill.*
 W. Bro. A. L. Skeece, W. M.
- No. 25. *Ionic Lodge, Toronto.*
 W. Bro. H. P. Stephens, W. M.
- No. 26. *Ontario Lodge, Port Hope.*
 W. Bro. James Marshall, W. M.
- No. 27. *Strict Observance Lodge, Hamilton.*
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 " David Gillies, S. W.
 V. " " W. W. Pringle, P. M.
- No. 28. *Mount Zion Lodge, Kempville.*
 W. Bro. Walter Kerr, W. M.
- No. 29. *United Lodge, Brighton.*
 W. Bro. Edgar W. Edwards, W. M.
 " " A. E. Fife, P. M.
- No. 30. *Composite Lodge, Whitby.*
 Bro. C. A. Jones, S. W.
- No. 31. *Jerusalem Lodge, Bowmanville.*
 W. Bro. B. Patterson, W. M.
- No. 32. *Amity Lodge, Dunnville.*
 Bro. Frederick Clark, J. W.
 W. " John Parry, P. M.
 " " Joseph Hurssell, P. M.
- No. 34. *Thistle Lodge, Amherstburg.*
 W. Bro. Mark J. Salmoni, P. M. and Proxy.

- No. 35. *St. John's Lodge, Cayuga.*
W. Bro. Joseph Hurssell, (Proxy.)
- No. 36. *Welland Lodge, Fonthill.*
V. W. Bro. John King, (Proxy.)
" " Isaac P Willson, P. M.
- No. 37. *King Hiram Lodge, Ingersoll.*
W. Bro. James Canfield, W. M.
V. " " Peter J. Brown, P. M.
- No. 38. *Trent Lodge, Trenton.*
W. Bro. H. W. Day, W. M.
" " Peter Begg, P. M.
- No. 39. *Mount Zion Lodge, Brooklin.*
W. Bro. John P. Campbell, W. M.
" " I. B. Bickell, P. M.
- No. 40. *St. John's Lodge, Hamilton.*
W. Bro. George Walker, W. M.
R. " " Thomas B. Harris, P. M.
- No. 42. *St. George's Lodge, London.*
W. Bro. Thomas Beattie, W. M.
" D. Borland, S. W.
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V. " " H. Waterman, P. M.
" " T. Mahon, P. M.
" James Heron, G. Tyler.
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" Richard White, J. W.
" " John McWhinnie, P. M.
" " John Paterson, P. M.
- No. 44. *St. Thomas Lodge, St. Thomas.*
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" Albert Couse, S. W.
" " H. H. Hunt, P. M.
" " John Midgeley, P. M.
R. " " Rev. St. George Caulfield, P. G. Chap.
- No. 45. *Brant Lodge, Brantford.*
W. Bro. Fred. Mudge, W. M.
" " John Taylor, P. M.
V. " " John W. Lethbridge, P. M.

- No. 46. *Wellington Lodge, Chatham.*
 V. W. Bro. John E. Brooke, W. M.
 " Wm. Carruthers, S. W.
 " A. R. Cochran, J. W.
- No. 47. *Great Western Lodge, Windsor.*
 W. Bro. Albert J. Kennedy, W. M.
 " P. A. Cray, S. W.
 " Jas. Gibson, J. W.
- No. 48. *Madoc Lodge, Madoc.*
 W. Bro. Peter Begg, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 49. *Harington Lodge, Quebec.*
 V. W. Bro. Wm. Wilkinson, Proxy.
- No. 51. *Corinthian Lodge, Grahamville.*
 W. Bro. Joseph Figg, W. M.
- No. 54. *Vaughan Lodge, Maple.*
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- No. 56. *Victoria Lodge, Sarnia.*
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 " Jas. Gowans, J. W.
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 W. Bro. John J. Gemmell, W. M.
- No. 59. *Corinthian Lodge, Ottawa.*
 W. Bro. Edward C. Barber, W. M.
- No. 61. *Acacia Lodge, Hamilton.*
 W. Bro. William Reid, P. M. and Proxy.
 V. " " Thomas White, jun., P. M.
- No. 62. *St. Andrew's Lodge, Caledonia.*
 W. Bro. D. E. Broderick, W. M.
 " " Charles Hunter, P. M.
- No. 64. *Kilwinning Lodge, London.*
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 " J. R. Peel, S. W.
 " D. Macfie, J. W.
 " " Thos. F. McMullen, P. M.
 " " R. Lewis, P. M.
 " " J. H. Flock, P. M.

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W. Bro. R. T. Wilkinson, W. M.
- No. 67. *St. Francis Lodge, Richmond.*
W. Bro. Timothy Leet, W. M.
- No. 68. *St. John's Lodge, Ingersoll.*
Bro. James M. Grant, J. W.
W. Bro. Allan McLean, P. M.
" " R. A. Woodcock, P. M.
- No. 69. *Stirling Lodge, Stirling.*
W. Bro. Geo. E. Bull, W. M.
- No. 71. *Victoria Lodge, Sherbrooke.*
W. Bro. D. Thomas, W. M.
- No. 72. *Alma Lodge, Galt.*
Bro. W. S. Burnett, S. W.
R. W. Bro. Æmilins Irving, P. M.
V. " " Otto Klotz, P. M.
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W. Bro. John E. Harding, W. M.
" Geo. H. Marlott, S. W.
" John Thompson, J. W.
" " T. S. Shortt, P. M.
" " Joseph Ingram, P. M.
- No. 74. *St. James Lodge, Maitland.*
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- No. 75. *St. John's Lodge, Toronto.*
W. Bro. Fred. J. Menet, W. M.
" Bernard Saunders, J. W.
R. " " A. DeGrassi, P. M.
" " " John Kerr, P. M.
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W. Bro. Edward Burke, W. M.
" John Matheson, J. W.
R. " " John Turquand, P. M.
" " H. P. Brown, P. M.
- No. 77. *Faithful Brethren Lodge, Lindsay.*
W. Bro. Henry Gladman, W. M.
- No. 78. *King Hiram Lodge, Tilsonburg.*
W. Bro. William Norris, W. M.
" W. S. Law, S. W.

- No. 79. *Simcoe Lodge, Bradford.*
V. W. Bro. M. H. Spencer, (Proxy.)
- No. 80. *Albion Lodge, Newbury.*
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" " Ira C. Lee, P. M.
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- No. 144. *Tecumseh Lodge, Stratford.*
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- No. 147. *Mississippi Lodge, Almonte.*
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" " John Menzies, P. M.

- No. 149. *Eric Lodge, Port Dover.*
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- No. 150. *Hastings Lodge, Hastings.*
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- No. 151. *The Grand River Lodge, Berlin.*
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" D. J. McCosh, J. W.
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- No. 161. *Percy Lodge, Warkworth.*
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- No. 162. *Forest Lodge, Wroxeter.*
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" " John Moffat, P. M.

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- No. 165. *Burlington Lodge, Wellington Square.*
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- No. 166. *Wentworth Lodge, Stony Creek.*
W. Bro. Rev. Jas. D. Gibson, (Proxy.)
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- No. 168. *Merritt Lodge, Welland.*
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W. " A. G. Hill, P. M.
- No. 169. *Macnab Lodge, Port Colborne.*
W. Bro. Jno. C. Karr, W. M.
- No. 170. *Britannia Lodge, Seaforth.*
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- No. 171. *Prince of Wales Lodge, Iona.*
W. Bro. John Edgcombe, W. M.
" " John Cascaden, P. M.
- No. 172. *Ayr Lodge, Ayr.*
W. Bro. Patrick Buckley, W. M.
- No. 173. *Victoria Lodge, Montreal.*
R. W. Bro. Alex. Murray, W. M.
" Charles H. Walters, J. W.
- No. 174. *Walsingham Lodge, Port Rowan.*
Bro. Chauncy Bennett, S. W.
- No. 176. *Spartan Lodge, Sparta.*
W. Bro. W. F. Edge, W. M.
" Alex. Fraser, S. W.
" R. J. Straffin, J. W.
" " F. A. Henderson, P. M.
- No. 177. *The Builders' Lodge, Ottawa.*
W. Bro. Thomas Painter, W. M.
- No. 178. *Plattsville Lodge, Plattsville.*
W. Bro. George Kirk, W. M.
" William Leithead, S. W.
" Patrick Cornell, J. W.

- No. 179. *Bothwell Lodge, Bothwell.*
 W. Bro. H. F. Smith, W. M.
 " W. J. Rae, S. W.
 " R. London, J. W.
- No. 180. *Speed Lodge, Guelph.*
 W. Bro. Charles Sharp, W. M.
 " Caleb Chase, J. W.
 V. " " J. M. Dunn, P. M.
- No. 181. *Oriental Lodge, Port Burwell.*
 W. Bro. W. A. Glover, W. M.
 " " T. M. Nairn, P. M.
- No. 182. *Tuscan Lodge, Levis.*
 V. W. Bro. Wm. Wilkinson, (Proxy.)
- No. 183. *Prince Albert Lodge, Prince Albert.*
 W. Bro. James Emancy, W. M.
 " Archibald Sinclair, J. W.
 " " James Baird, P. M.
- No. 184. *Old Light Lodge, Lucknow.*
 W. Bro. James Somerville, W. M.
- No. 185. *Enniskillen Lodge, York.*
 W. Bro. Joseph Hurssell, (Proxy.)
- No. 186. *Plantagenet Lodge, Plantagenet.*
 W. Bro. Henry Smith, W. M.
- No. 187. *Royal Canadian Lodge, Sweetsburgh.*
 W. Bro. Thomas D. Pickel, W. M.
- No. 188. *Ascot Lodge, Lennoxville.*
 R. W. Bro. J. H. Stearns, W. M.
- No. 189. *Filius Viduæ, Adolphustown.*
 W. Bro. E. H. Smith, W. M.
- No. 190. *Belmont Lodge, Belmont.*
 W. Bro. Francis King, W. M.
 " A. J. Thomson, S. W.
 " W. W. Campbell, J. W.
- No. 191. *Ashlar Lodge, Coaticook.*
 W. Bro. George Wood, W. M.
- No. 192. *Orillia Lodge, Orillia.*
 W. Bro. C. S. Elliot, W. M.
 V. " " M. H. Spencer, (Proxy.)

No. 193.

Scotland Lodge, Scotland

W. Bro. Frederick Mudge, W. M.

" Charles Whiting, J. W.

UNDER DISPENSATION.

Petrolia Lodge, Petrolia.

W. Bro. H. H. Hunt, W. M.

" John Tracy, S. W.

" V. W. Chamberlin, J. W.

The Tuscan Lodge, London.

R. W. Bro. Thompson Wilson, W. M.

V. " " Thomas McCracken, P. M.

Sauguen Lodge, Walkerton.

W. Bro. H. B. O'Connor, W. M.

White Oak Lodge, Oakville.

W. Bro. George K. Chisholm, W. M.

Frelighsburg Lodge, Frelighsburg.

W. Bro. Stevens Baker, (Proxy.)

St. Alban's Lodge, Mount Forest.

W. Bro. W. W. Winfield, W. M.

Leeds Lodge, Gananoque.

W. Bro. Wm. Byers, jun., W. M.

Mount Royal Lodge, Montreal.

W. Bro. Charles Storer, W. M.

Irvine Lodge, Elora.

V. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, (Proxy.)

New Dominion Lodge, New Hamburg.

W. Bro. Lewis Helmer, W. M.

" F. J. Zingg, S. W.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives was received and adopted.

The M. W. Grand Master granted permission for the admittance of all Master Masons in good standing to the visitors' gallery. About 250 Brethren availed themselves of this privilege.

It was then moved by R. W. Bro. Rev. Vincent Clementi, seconded by R. W. Bro. Francis Westlake, and

RESOLVED,—That the minutes of the proceedings of Grand Lodge at the Twelfth Annual Communication, held at the City of Kingston on the 10th, 11th, and 12th days of July, A. D., 1867, having been printed, and copies thereof forwarded to the Lodges, the same be considered read and now confirmed.

The minutes of an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge convened, to meet at Port Dalhousie, Ont., on Wednesday, the 24th day of June, A. D., 1868, for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of a new St. John's Episcopal Church with masonic ceremonies, were read, and on motion, confirmed ;

As also, the minutes of an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge convened, to meet at Dundee Centre, P. Q., on Wednesday, the 1st day of July, A. D., 1868, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of a new Presbyterian Church, "Established," with masonic ceremonies, were read, and on motion, confirmed.

The M. W. Grand Master announced to the members of Grand Lodge, that there was present on this occasion, a distinguished Brother from England, and one who, during the early period of this Grand Body, had done it good service. He had much pleasure in introducing V. W. Bro. Brackstone Baker, P. Grand Steward of the United Grand Lodge of England.

Brother Baker was welcomed with Grand Honors, and before taking his seat on the dais, suitably acknowledged the cordial manner of his reception.

R. W. Bro. Kivas Tully gave notice, that on to-morrow he would move, that in consideration of the services rendered to this Grand Lodge in its infancy, the rank of Past Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Canada be conferred upon V. W. Bro. Brackstone Baker, Past Grand Steward of the United Grand Lodge of England.

R. W. Bro. Sir John A. Macdonald, K. C. B., Representative of the United Grand Lodge of England, was announced, and entered Grand Lodge: and was invited to a seat on the dais.

The M. W. Grand Master delivered the following address to the Brethren in Grand Lodge assembled :

A D D R E S S .

BRETHREN,—It is with no ordinary feeling that I again greet you at our Annual Communication; and although we miss some of those “old, familiar faces” whose presence always brought pleasure to our hearts, and whose warm, brotherly grasp ever lives in our remembrance, still we would acknowledge with lively gratitude, the many blessings vouchsafed to us; and we would also humbly and heartily thank our Heavenly Father that He has again permitted us to take sweet counsel together as to the best means of advancing the great work for which we are associated. May He bless our present Convocation, and strengthen and encourage us in all our efforts to promote His glory, and enable us to foster and to cultivate that most prominent tenet of our Order—Brotherly Love.

O B I T U A R Y N O T I C E .

Since our last annual meeting, our Right Worshipful and loving Brethren, the Hon. Robert Spence and Captain E. A. Walker, have been removed from their sphere of labor,—struck down, as it were, in the prime of their useful life by the decree of Him who doeth all things well, whilst we, the children of His creation and the humble dependants on His bounty, can only bow with reverent submission to His most holy will. We have also to deplore the removal of our Right Worshipful Brother, the Rev. Dr. F. J. Lundy, Past Grand Chaplain, and one of those whose valuable services in the early history of this Grand Lodge will be found recorded in our printed proceedings. Our esteemed and reverend Brother was suddenly summoned from the scene of his earthly labors

to his great account, in the month of March last, while engaged in the public celebration of divine worship ; may we not, my Brethren, confidently hope that these services, so suddenly arrested on earth, are now continued in Heaven ? But though we thus mourn for the departed, we mourn not as those without hope ; for we rejoice in the belief that we shall again meet them in the Grand Lodge above, there to partake, in peaceful re-union with the souls of all our departed Brethren who have kept the faith, the mysterious and unspeakable happiness of thine everlasting kingdom. Bro. Spence, as Chairman of the Masonic Asylum Trust, devoted much of his time and talents towards the successful carrying out of that truly Masonic scheme, and it will not be easy to supply his place. Bro. Walker occupied at his death the important position of District Deputy G. M. of the Toronto District, and, to my knowledge, had visited many of his Lodges previous to his untimely decease ; but we shall not have the pleasure of listening to his report, or to the valuable suggestions which he would doubtless have submitted for our consideration at this meeting.

PUBLIC EVENTS.

Among the public events of the past year, which, although not especially connected with us as Masons, still interest us as fellow subjects, there are two to which I will very briefly refer ; I allude to the foul murder of the Hon. D'Arcy McGee at Ottawa, in the month of April last, and the dastardly attempt to murder His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, while paying an official visit at Sydney, Australia. The occurrence of these events sent a thrill of horror through the civilized world. McGee, the able statesman, the eloquent speaker, and the talented writer, had but returned from the House of Commons, when he was most foully murdered by the pistol of the assassin,—without warning, without a moment for preparation, sent into the presence of his Maker and his Judge “unhouseled, unannealed.”

The attempt to murder the son of our beloved Sovereign most fortunately failed ; and although he was severely

wounded, we have reason to thank God that his life was saved, and that our Queen and Nation has not to mourn his untimely death. It has been alleged that the murder of the one and the attempt on the life of the other emanated from the same vile source, and formed but part of a plan of assassination, which, we are told, may yet be more fully developed. Our peaceful country has again been threatened with invasion, and the brave and loyal youth of the Dominion have once more been called out for preparation to resist any piratical attempt that may be made against us. Aided by the soldiers and sailors of the empire, our brave volunteers and the militia of the country will promptly rally around the old flag, and will speedily crush down all who dare attempt to place a hostile foot upon our free soil.

MONTREAL DISTRICT.

In consequence of Brother Bull's inability to undertake the superintendence of the Montreal District, I requested the Grand Registrar to assume the duties of that position ; and I have no doubt, that during the present session we shall receive from that able and energetic Brother an interesting account of the state of Masonry in that part of our jurisdiction.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE OF ENGLAND.

I have much pleasure in announcing that the Most Worshipful the Earl of Zetland, Grand Master of England, has been pleased to appoint our distinguished and eminent Brother, the Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald, K. C. B., D. C. L., Minister of Justice for Canada, &c., as the Representative of that august Body in this Grand Lodge. In selecting one so well known and so universally popular as the leading statesman of the Dominion, the Most Worshipful Grand Master has not only secured the services of a most talented brother, but at the same time has also made an appointment which will be received with unmixed satisfaction by every member of this Grand Lodge. I have great pleasure in recommending that the rank of a Past Grand Senior Warden of Canada be conferred upon Brother Sir John A. Macdonald.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Formal information has been received of the establishment of an independent Grand Lodge for the Province of New Brunswick; and I was honored by an invitation to visit them at St. John's, for the purpose of installing their first Grand Master—a request with which I would gladly have complied, as I entertained no doubts as to their right to Masonic self-government, had I not felt that it would have been improper for me, as your Grand Master, thus to have anticipated the action of this Grand Lodge with reference to their recognition as a supreme Masonic authority. The official documents in connection with this matter will be laid before you; and I have no doubt that the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick will receive a prompt and cordial recognition at your hands.

SPECIAL GRAND LODGES.

I have also to announce that during the recess, two special meetings of Grand Lodge were called, for the purpose of assisting in the ceremony of laying the corner stone of two churches; one at Port Dalhousie, in the Province of Ontario, the other at Dundee Centre, in the Province of Quebec. As my other duties prevented my personal attendance, I was most ably represented at the former ceremony by R. W. Brother James Seymour, and at the latter by our R. W. Brother A. A. Stevenson. To both of these distinguished Brethren my thanks are due, for the very efficient and satisfactory manner in which they discharged the important duties imposed upon them.

TESTIMONIALS.

I had much pleasure in carrying out the expressed wishes of the Grand Lodge, with reference to the testimonials ordered to be presented to our Most Worshipful Brother Thomas Douglas Harington, Esq., Past G. Master of Canada, and to our worthy and efficient Grand Secretary, the Right Worshipful Thomas Bird Harris, Esq. The correspondence between Bro. Harington and myself on this subject will be laid before you, and also an account of the very pleasing incidents which

took place at the presentation to Bro. Harris, in presence of a large assembly of the fraternity at Hamilton. While on this subject, I may venture to suggest for your consideration that, as yet, no recognition has been made of the valuable services rendered to Masonry by our Most Worshipful and faithful Brother, Wm. B. Simpson, Esq., during the two years he so ably administered the affairs of this Grand Lodge as your Grand Master.

A GENERAL GRAND LODGE FOR CANADA.

The consideration of the subject of a General Grand Lodge for our new Dominion has not been overlooked by me during the past year, although no special action has been taken in the matter. The solution of this great question must be left to time, and to the calm consideration of the Craft generally. Any exhibition on our part of too great a desire to secure this result, would in all probability only delay, if it did not entirely defeat, that union of the whole Masonic Body in the British dependencies here which so many are anxious to secure.

NEW LODGES.

I have also to announce for your information, that during the past year I have granted Dispensations for the opening of twelve new Lodges within this jurisdiction; and as, in every case, the forms and requirements of the Constitution have been strictly complied with, I anticipate that you will at once direct the issue of the usual Warrants. The dates, names and localities are as follows, viz :

Petrolia.....	Petrolia, Ont.....	9th Aug., 1867.
Tuscan.....	London, Ont.....	18th Dec., "
Madawaska.....	Arnprior, Ont.....	18th " "
Saugeen	Walkerton, Ont.....	24th " "
White Oak.....	Oakville, Ont.....	1st Jan., 1868.
Frelighsburg	Frelighsburg, P. Q....	25th Feb., "
St. Alban's.....	Mount Forest, Ont....	29th " "
Leeds.....	Gananoque, Ont.....	7th March, "
Mount Royal	Montreal, P. Q.....	8th April, "
Irvine	Elora, Ont.....	13th May, "
Doric.....	Danville, P. Q.....	5th June, "
New Dominion...	New Hamburg, Ont..	24th " "

BUSINESS OF THE PAST YEAR.

The Masonic business of the past year has neither been less onerous nor less important than that of those which have preceded it. The various matters which have come up before me, and which were either decided by myself or referred to special committees or to the Board of General Purposes, were not of a nature requiring special reference here; all documents connected with them, whether as involving questions of Masonic law or discipline, will be found on file with the Grand Secretary, all of which are open to your inspection.

THE ELECTION OF MASTERS.

In connection with these matters, there is one evil existing to which I trace many of the difficulties which are now of so frequent occurrence; I allude to the want of a proper care, and to the neglect of Masonic law and principle, too often evinced by the members of the Craft in the selection of those who are to govern our subordinate Lodges. Brethren are too often selected as rulers, merely because their social qualities may be of a high order, and often, also, from their general popularity, without duly considering their ability to work the Lodge, their administrative capacity to govern it, or their possession of those still higher qualities which are so essential to the successful carrying on of the great work of Masonry. In selecting your Masters, let me entreat you, my Brethren, always first to consider your duty to Masonry and to your Lodge. This important duty can never properly be performed, if you place in the Chair one who has to rely upon others for doing that which he is incapable of performing himself.

MASONRY NOT A MERE BENEFIT CLUB.

In the course of the discussions which occasionally take place at our annual meetings, sentiments are sometimes expressed by the younger members of the fraternity which have led me to believe that they neither fully understood nor appreciated the original design and aim of our Institution; but had come to regard it as if the great and sole object of

our Association was the mere accumulation of funds for the relief of distressed Masons, for the support of their widows, and for the education of their destitute children, forgetting, apparently, the explanations which had been given and the lessons they had received at their initiation into our mysteries. Charity, in its largest sense, in its broadest signification, is a virtue dear to the heart of every true Mason, and that charity which is not only active, but passive, is freely exercised by the genuine Brother; he is ever as ready to assist the distressed as he is to abstain from unkindness, uncourteousness, or the malicious construction of his neighbor's motives. The inculcation of every virtue, the improvement of our species, the advancement of learning and science, the study of the liberal arts, and especially the cultivation of brotherly love, these are some of the aims of the Craft and of its votaries. If there is to be found in our ranks any individual who has joined us actuated by no higher motive than self-interest, and influenced by the idea that he is thereby making a most judicious investment for himself and family, he will soon discover that he has not only deceived himself, but that he has altogether misapprehended the genius, the scope, and the great objects of Masonry; for our brotherhood is not for a moment to be placed on the same level with those mere benefit clubs which have recently been established, with the sole and avowed intention of making to the contributor, or to his legal representatives, a full and equivalent return in hard cash for that which he has invested in their hands. Neither is Masonry to be thus shorn of her fair proportions; nor is she to be circumscribed or fettered as to the discharge of her numerous duties. We are told that the three great tenets of a Mason's profession are Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth; and to you, my Brethren, I now say: cultivate them all.

THE WORK.

The disappointment felt by many at the non-exemplification of what we technically call the *work* at our last annual Communication, was largely shared in by myself. The unavoidable absence of some of those upon whom I had relied for assistance rendered it impossible for me to carry out the promises made

on the subject. True, it was suggested that some of those able Brethren then present might exemplify the work of the three degrees; but this, although of course instructive, would not at all have met the object which I had in view, or which you desired: which was, to exhibit to you the pure and standard work as adopted after much careful investigation and research by this Grand Lodge. I am happy to announce that a part of to-morrow will be devoted to this object; and I have to request for it your earnest attention and most careful consideration. I believe that you will agree with me in the opinion that any discussion on the subject here would be injudicious; but at the same time, it is of great importance that the views and opinions of those who have really studied the question, and who believe that they are in a position to throw more light upon it, should receive due consideration. Those views and opinions can be submitted to the Standing Committee on Ritual, who will at all times be ready to receive, and most respectfully and carefully to consider, any suggestions which may be laid before them. In my address of last year, in referring to this subject, I used the expression that "I regarded with much apprehension any attempt at innovation or change in the *lex non scripta* of Masonry," and I have reason to believe that my views on this subject, as then expressed, were not very clearly understood by some, while by others they were entirely misapprehended. The Ritual is not to be considered as a landmark in Masonry; many parts of it are not essential; they have been changed and may be changed again, though, as a learned and reliable writer remarks, such changes should be made with great caution, and perhaps had better not be made at all. But, adds he, on the other hand there are portions of the Ritual, and large portions, too, which do constitute landmarks; which never have been changed, and never can be changed without a destruction of the very identity of Freemasonry. The beautiful lectures which form so important a feature in our system are most useful, but, as the same author remarks, they are not essential, neither are they to be considered as constituting landmarks, for before the year 1717 no such system existed. Many changes—some of them, doubtless, decided improve-

ments, while others were very much the reverse—have since been introduced, which proves conclusively that they have no claim to be regarded as landmarks of the Order. Time will not permit me, at present, to dwell at greater length upon this very interesting topic, and I must therefore make my remarks as brief as possible.

MASONIC CONSERVATISM.

It is not difficult to account for the variations which we occasionally find in the working of some of our Lodges. The Master, though retaining all the essentials, may slightly deviate in some parts of the phraseology of the details; in course of time these changes become, as it were, established, and after a few years are regarded as almost landmarks of that Lodge, a departure from which would be considered as a dangerous innovation. Now the remedy for all this is to be found in the Book of Constitution, under the head "Of Private Lodges," sec. 21: "All Lodges are particularly bound to observe the same usages and customs. Any deviation, therefore, from the established mode of working is highly improper, and cannot be justified or countenanced; and in order to preserve this uniformity, and to cultivate a good understanding among Freemasons, some members of every Lodge should be deputed to visit the other Lodges as often as may be convenient." In any action which the Grand Lodge may, in its wisdom, consider it prudent and necessary to take with reference to this most important matter, I can only express my earnest hope that you may at all times be guided by a wise conservatism; and in using the term, I do not wish to be understood as expressing merely the desire or effort to preserve what is established, but I wish you to receive it in its larger and more Masonic sense, which implies that there is no blind and superstitious respect for things established simply because they are so. Precedents with us, says a learned and thoughtful Brother, have no authority unless they are founded upon principle; and on the other hand, changes have no support unless they are prompted by necessity and guided by reason. It is to such conservatism

as this that our gratitude is due, for that steady and healthy progress which Masonry is now making: which gives it a standing and character among the institutions of the age: which is rendering it daily more and more worthy of cultivation by men of intellect, and which must bestow upon it, as a science and a system of philosophy, a perpetuity and prosperity which its merely social and charitable character could never have secured. This kind of conservatism is the sheet-anchor on which the safety of Masonry mainly depends.

FINANCES.

From the accounts submitted by that most efficient and trustworthy officer, your Grand Treasurer, it is gratifying to find that our funds are in a most prosperous and satisfactory condition. The whole amount of funds, as appears by his books, is \$28,064.90, which belongs to the following accounts, viz. :—

General Fund.....	\$18,359 15	
Current for Benevolence	543 25	
Invested for do.	8,625 14	
To credit of Asylum Fund.....	537 36	
	—————	\$28,064 90

Which funds are invested as follows :—

In Gore Bank Agency at Simcoe..\$	2,464 90	
In Middlesex Debentures	1,600 00	
In Provincial do.	16,000 00	
In Dominion Stock	8,000 00	
	—————	\$28,064 90

I would again suggest it as desirable, that the whole of the Asylum Fund should appear in the books of the Grand Treasurer, so that his report should show all the funds belonging to this Grand Lodge. This arrangement would not interfere with the entire control of that Fund by the Asylum Committee.

CONCLUSION.

And now, my Brethren, in conclusion, I have to apologize for the very crude and unpolished manner in which these

hastily-written remarks are laid before you. The pressure of new duties, and a very recent attack of sickness, left me but a few hours in which to carry out the practice, initiated by myself at the commencement of our career as a Grand Lodge, of preparing something in the form of an address with which to open our Annual Communication. In once more resigning into your hands the office and position with which you so often have honored me, and in requesting you now to relieve me from its cares and responsibilities, I would I had the power and ability to express even a tithe of the fraternal love and affection I entertain for you and for Masonry. No language at my command can convey it; I shall therefore not make the attempt.

“The temple of our purest thoughts, is—silence.”

May Masonry continue to flourish in all parts of the world, and may we, her workmen, prove equal to our profession and worthy of our exalted privileges; for, after all, Brethren, we are but just what our name conveys—merely builders, patiently but hopefully toiling on, and humbly following in the steps of our predecessors; trying to carry out the designs left by them on their Masonic trestle-board, and leaving the work to be continued and perfected by those who are to come after us; rejoicing, however, in the hope that our feeble contributions of service and of labor may lead to that glorious consummation which will secure the approving smile and ultimate reward of the Great Architect of the Universe, who is Himself the beginning and the end of all creation. Finally, my Brethren, let us work while it is day; for “the hour cometh when no man can work.”

WM. M. WILSON,

Grand Master.

The presentation to R. W. Bro. T. B. Harris took place at a Banquet given at Hamilton, on Thursday evening, the 10th day of October, 1867—the Twelfth Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Canada; R. W. Bro. the Hon. H. B. Bull, P. D. D. G. M., in the Chair.

The following is an extract from the published report of the proceedings :

The Chairman then proposed what may be called the toast of the evening, "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master of Masons of Canada." In doing so, he said that under ordinary circumstances the toast would require no preface ; but in the peculiar circumstances in which they were assembled, to celebrate the twelfth anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada, an event which had so greatly promoted the interests of Freemasonry in this Province, he could not refrain from alluding to the peculiar pleasure it gave him to propose the toast. (Cheers.) They were honored to-night by the presence of the Grand Master and his Deputy, an honor which had not been conferred upon the Masons of Hamilton for many years. In looking back upon the last twelve years, he was struck with the comparatively few persons present who had taken part in the proceedings of that eventful period. But it was gratifying to find their old Grand Master—he whom, by common consent, the Masons of Canada had called to the supreme government of the Craft in Canada on the formation of the Grand Lodge, back among them to-day in the same honored and honorable position. (Cheers.) It was, he felt sure, not altogether the office to which they would do honor in this toast ; the man would receive, as he deserved, a large share of it. (Cheers.) For they recognized the many good qualities which he possessed as a man and a Mason, and which had endeared him to all who knew him.

The toast was received with the Grand Masonic Honors, followed by most enthusiastic cheering, the band playing "*The Fine Old English Gentleman.*"

THE GRAND MASTER on rising, was received with renewed applause. He said, from the kind manner in which the toast had been received, he was half tempted to appropriate the warmth to the man as well as to the office. (Cheers.) There was nothing which he esteemed more highly than the good will and favourable opinion of his brethren. He was no

stranger to the hospitality and kindness of the Hamilton Masons. He might, in referring to it, appropriate the remark of Artemus Ward, who, on leaving a place where he had been most kindly entertained, said to his friends, who accompanied him to the station, that he never visited a neighborhood where he had been so well treated or so often. (Laughter.) The chairman had referred to an event which had occurred twelve years ago to-night, an event which had left its mark upon the history of Masonry in Canada. The occasion would never be forgotten by Masons here, when the representatives of some forty-one lodges met to consider the state of Masonry. It was not necessary to particularize the reasons which prompted the action which resulted in the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada. Many of the old familiar faces had gone, but he was still glad to see on his left R. W. Bro. Magill, the chairman of that convention, to whose tact and valuable suggestions they were greatly indebted in carrying out what was then attempted. (Cheers.) He well remembered the cheers of enthusiasm which greeted the passage of the resolution declaring the formation of the Grand Lodge; and how in a moment, as if by magic, every Brother appeared clothed as a Mason and with the insignia of his rank, and when many a silent prayer was breathed that the great Architect of the Universe would bless the work. And God had blessed it. The career of Masonry had since been ever onward and upward, and wherever Masonry was known the Grand Lodge of Canada was recognized and respected. He (the Grand Master) had great pleasure inadvertently to another prominent Mason, to whose industry and indefatigable exertions the Craft in Canada was deeply indebted.

He referred to R. W. Bro. Harris, the Grand Secretary, whose valuable services can never be forgotten by any of the Masons of Canada. In his long and intimate official connection with that officer he had had peculiar opportunities of testifying to his great ability and worth. No one but himself could have any idea of the amount of work done by that estimable Brother. The respect and esteem in which he was held had culminated in a testimonial from Grand Lodge, and it had been suggested by the Deputy Grand Master that

the presentation of that testimonial should take place on this twelfth anniversary. The intrinsic worth of the testimonial was not of any importance; its value consisted in the brotherly feeling and esteem of which it was symbolical, and he had great pleasure in presenting it on this occasion. In doing so he would ask the Brethren to fill up a bumper, and to drink with him to the long life and prosperity of the Grand Secretary.

The toast was drank with Masonic Honors and three times three hearty cheers, the band playing "*Auld Lang Syne*."

The testimonial is a very beautiful Claret Jug and Goblets, with Tray. Each piece is most elaborately engraved. On the Jug are the Arms of the Grand Lodge, Brother Harris' crest and arms, his monogram and his likeness, on shields, surmounted by the square, the level, the plumb rule, and the 47th problem. Under the lip of the Jug is an irradiated All-Seeing Eye, looking down upon the arms of the Grand Lodge, and on the lid the world. The Tray has engraved upon it the following inscription :

THIS TRAY, WITH ACCOMPANYING JUG AND GOBLETS,
WERE PRESENTED BY THE
GRAND LODGE OF CANADA, A. F. & A. M.,
TO

R. W. BRO. THOMAS BIRD HARRIS, GRAND SECRETARY,

*In token of the fraternal esteem universally entertained for him personally,
and as a slight acknowledgment of the valuable services he has rendered to
the Craft, by the faithful, zealous, and most efficient discharge of the
onerous and responsible duties appertaining to the office of Grand
Secretary, during the past 12 years.*

HAMILTON,

October 10, 5867, A. D., 1867.

The Deputy Grand Master having read the inscription, Bro. Harris rose to respond, and was most warmly received. He said :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR,—

It is with more than ordinary feelings of gratification and pleasure that I accept this beautiful memento of the appreciation entertained by the Grand Lodge for services rendered as its Grand Secretary during the past twelve years. I cannot, unfortunately, claim to have been taken entirely by surprise ;

for I had become aware of the action had by Grand Lodge at its annual session in July, 1866, as likewise, M. W. Sir, of your very considerate recommendation in your annual address to Grand Lodge at its annual Communication, and the subsequent endorsement of the same by Grand Lodge itself; but that you should have selected and determined upon this twelfth anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge for making the presentation, finds me almost as much unprepared to give full expression to the feelings which pervade the inmost recesses of my heart as if the circumstance had never been contemplated. And not only do I feel the embarrassment which is a too frequent attendant on poor, frail, human nature on such occasions as this, but the very kind sentiments and most flattering encomiums which you have, in the course of your remarks, been pleased to accord to me in making the presentation, have rendered my position all the more difficult in acknowledging the gift in such words as I could have desired.

I can assure you, Most Worshipful Sir, that this elegant token which has been selected on behalf of the Grand Lodge, and presented to me this evening as a tribute of its appreciation of my past conduct, will ever be looked upon by me as the most valuable ornament in my keeping,—it being something that I shall have a just pride in looking upon as the spontaneous offering of a Brotherhood with whom many years of my life have been most closely and intimately connected.

It will also prove an incentive to a higher interest in the affairs of the Craft, were such possible, and be a means of fixing indelibly on my mind the kindness and attentions the Craft have on every occasion evinced towards me, as well as the confidence they have for so many years reposed in me, and for which I am deeply grateful; my richest reward being, at the end of each term to find that my efforts to discharge the duties appertaining to my office have received the approbation of my Brethren.

With yourself, Most Worshipful Sir, as Grand Master, it was my good fortune to be associated, as Grand Secretary, at the first formation of the Grand Lodge, and for a space of five

years of its infancy worked for the best interest of our beloved Order, so far as my humble efforts would permit; and subsequently I have had the honor to work with two other Grand Masters, and now again with yourself for the second time.

It is therefore most particularly gratifying to me, on the present occasion, to feel that the highest principles of our Order are living embers within the breasts of so many of our members as I see congregated around this festive board. And it is still more flattering to me to find that you, M. W. Sir, and our R. W. Bro., the Deputy Grand Master, A. A. Stevenson, Esq., should have come so many miles to honour the occasion.

I trust I may not be considered out of place in calling this one of the happiest moments of my life; and this evening will, should I be spared for a time longer, be often forcibly recalled to my memory, and will be cherished as an evergreen which never fadeth, and when the time comes for my departure hence, this memento will still remain behind, to be honored by those of my family then left, who have even now—though never destined to be *Masons*, but may nevertheless, be *Masons* wives,—learned to respect and admire the leading principles of our time-honored Order.

For the warm manner in which the toast of my health has been received, I return you my most heartfelt thanks, and can assure you that I will ever look back upon the event of this evening as the most gratifying of my life. (Cheers.)

PRESENTATION TO M. W. BRO. T. D. HARRINGTON, P. G. M.

The testimonial consists of a very fine silver Tankard, bearing an inscription to the effect that it has been presented to Brother Harrington “for his valuable services to Canadian Freemasonry,” and a silver Flute, with the inscription: “Presented by the Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Canada to M. W. Bro. T. D. Harrington, P. G. M., etc.” The flute is a very fine instrument, called the “Bœhm flute,” manufactured by Rudall, Rose, Carte & Co.

London makers, and has every recent improvement. The following is the letter of the Grand Master and the reply of M. W. Brother Harington :

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA,
OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER,
SIMCOE, 26th February, 1868.

M. W. SIR AND DEAR BRO. HARINGTON,—

By a resolution adopted at the last meeting of our Grand Lodge, it was ordered that a suitable testimonial be presented to you, as a mark, not only of their appreciation of your valuable services to Masonry, but also as an evidence of the warm fraternal regard and esteem entertained for you by the Masons of Canada.

It has given me, personally, peculiar pleasure to be permitted to act as the agent of Grand Lodge, in carrying out their wishes in this respect; and I have now to request your acceptance of the accompanying piece of plate and other articles, as a slight evidence of the feeling which prompted the resolution referred to, and as a spontaneous offering from hearts that love you.

Your valuable services to Masonry in Canada have long been known and appreciated by the Craft, and among them all, there is no one who rates them more highly, or feels more truly grateful, for the many years of unwearied, energetic and intelligent zeal displayed by you at all times, in advancing the best interest of our venerable Order, than myself.

You occupy, M. W. Sir, a proud position on the records of our Grand Lodge, and in the affections of its members; and I but echo the general sentiment, when I express the hope that the G. A. O. T. U. may crown your future years with honor, happiness and prosperity.

Believe me always, my dear Bro. Harington,

Very sincerely and fraternally yours,

(Signed,) WM. M. WILSON,
Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. T. D. HARINGTON, Esq.,
Past Grand Master of Canada, etc., etc.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA,
OFFICE OF PAST GRAND MASTER,
OTTAWA, 8th March, 1868.

MY DEAR AND MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER,—

I am in receipt of your very kind, fraternal and complimentary letter of the 26th ultimo, together with the "*Testimonial*" granted to me by resolution of Grand Lodge at its last annual Communication, and I request you to convey to my Brethren, when again assembled, my warm thanks for their kindness. I feel sincerely gratified, and shall ever make use of, and look at, and exhibit this valuable proof of their regard and friendship with an honest and pardonable pride.

To the best of my ability, I tried to do my duty while holding the honorable, responsible, and arduous office which you again do now so worthily fill; and you will, I know, bear me out in saying that, though a labor of love, the duty of a Grand Master is not a light one. It is not by any means a sinecure; consequently, when a man who has been elected thereto, and, by the free choice of his Brethren, been so highly and honorably trusted, finds that his fulfilment of duty is kindly and openly approved, and that he can point to tangible proofs to show that his work is accepted as good, it is very pleasant.

You, Most Worshipful Brother, have experienced this great gratification, and I was then the happy instrument directed to express the good pleasure of Grand Lodge. Now, you and I have changed positions, and you are pleased further to allude to my services and zeal in the cause of Freemasonry, and the proud position I occupy in the Order in this our "*Canada*." Believe me when I state, that your personal praise and approval greatly enhance and form a gratifying adjunct to my otherwise valuable "*Testimonial*." I have read and re-perused your kind and brotherly words, and each time of doing so, I feel and appreciate them more strongly and gratefully. You and I have always worked heartily and reciprocally together for the benefit and honor of our loved and excellent Institution, whether in or out of office; and if my opinions and counsel, when asked for have been of service,

—as you kindly say they have,—rest assured that I can in very truth assert the same thing of your candid and ready help and support in my behalf. We have always pulled together, and I have no mistrust but that we always shall do so. I thank you heartily for your letter, and its, to me, interesting contents.

The "*Grand Lodge of Canada*," from the time of its infancy, has been growing and increasing in its proportions, and steadily adding to its influence and importance; and I, for one, most fervently hope that its existing fair young manhood will receive no unfortunate check. I trust and pray to see the "*young giant*" more and more developed, and its sphere of usefulness and benevolence much more enlarged. You had the privilege of guiding the "*child*" till it possessed strength to stand firm; then your mantle fell on my shoulders, and I tried at least to be worthy the succession. Then I gave place to a worthy, honorable, and conscientious Brother, under whose auspices the structure advanced in prosperity; and now you, its first-tryed and experienced pilot, are again at the helm, and you cannot help, Most Worshipful Brother, but complacently behold your own "*raw material*" fashioned into the "*perfect ashlar*." Much remains to be done yet; and chief of all, our "*charities*" should be attended to, and, as soon as possible, advanced to perfection. If we all put our shoulders manfully and masonically to the wheel, they cannot be a failure.

But I see that what I began in thankfulness is degenerating into something else. It is curious how true is the saying that "*Where the heart is, there one's treasure is also*." I will therefore simply declare, that even if I had not been gratified by becoming the possessor of the "*Testimonial*" now so pleasantly transferred to me by you on behalf of Grand Lodge, the records of Grand Lodge would alone make me feel a pride in my masonic standing, containing, as they do, my conferred rank of "*Past Grand Master*," (now nine years ago,) and subsequently my election by my Brethren, for four consecutive years, to preside over their counsels as "*Grand Master*" of *The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada*."

Reiterating my sincere thanks to my Brethren and yourself, and wishing you every good you can all desire for your own selves,

I remain, my dear and Most Worshipful Brother,

Yours truly and fraternally,

T. DOUGLAS HARINGTON,

Past Grand Master, etc.

M. W. Bro. Wm. M. Wilson,

Grand Master Grand Lodge of Canada.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Wm. H. Weller, seconded by R. W. Bro. L. H. Henderson, and

RESOLVED,—That the address of the M. W. Grand Master be referred to the Board of General Purposes, and to report thereon during the present session of Grand Lodge.

R. W. Bro. Sir John A. Macdonald, K. C. B., presented to the M. W. Grand Master his Warrant of appointment as the Representative of the United Grand Lodge of England at the Grand Lodge of Canada, which, on examination, was found most satisfactory.

The Representative of the Grand Lodge of England, Sir John A. Macdonald, K. C. B., was saluted with the Grand Honors, and suitably returned thanks for the warm and cordial reception extended to him.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. Dr. Bernard, seconded by R. W. Bro. A. DeGrassi, and unanimously

RESOLVED,—That the rank of Past Grand Senior Warden of this Grand Lodge be conferred upon R. W. Bro. Sir John A. Macdonald, K. C. B., D. C. L., etc., the Representative of the United Grand Lodge of England at the Grand Lodge of Canada.

M. W. Bro. A. Bernard presented his Credentials and Warrant of appointment as the Representative of the Grand Orient of New Grenada at the Grand Lodge of Canada, which were cordially accepted, and the M. W. Brother was saluted with the Grand Honors, and took his seat on the dais.

The following reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters were read:—

LONDON DISTRICT.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge :

In presenting my second annual report to Grand Lodge on the condition of Masonry in the London District, I would most respectfully beg to state that I have had the honor of visiting, during the past year, every Lodge in this District, comprising twenty-five Lodges under charter and one U. D. At the Annual Communication last year, I was much gratified in being able to report to Grand Lodge the prosperous and favorable condition of the Lodges under my control; and on the present occasion, it is my pleasing duty to bear testimony to the marked improvement which has been made in the working of those Lodges during the past year, and which reflects the highest credit on those worthy Brethren who have devoted themselves to the study of the art and science of our time-honored Institution, thus enabling them to conduct the business of their various Lodges in accordance with the established usages of our Order.

ERRORS AND COMPLAINTS.

In November last a complaint was made by Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 171, Iona, against St. Paul's Lodge, No. 107, Lambeth, for having accepted and initiated a candidate whose residence was within the jurisdiction of the former. On investigation, the charge was fully sustained; and I directed the candidate and the initiation fee to be handed over to Prince of Wales Lodge, which was readily complied with, and the dispute settled in a manner satisfactory to both Lodges.

In December I received a communication from Malahide Lodge, No. 140, Aylmer, informing me that during the temporary absence of the Worshipful Master, a Lodge was summoned, and officers for the ensuing year elected, one week previous to the regular night of meeting. At first this error appeared of such magnitude as to require to be rigorously dealt with; an enquiry into the circumstances, however,

convinced me that the Brother who called the meeting was not actuated by any improper motive, but had been misled as to the proper night of meeting. I declared the election null and void, and ordered a new election.

GRIEVANCES.

Nearly all of the grievances that have claimed my attention during the past year have been more imaginary than real, and, in a majority of instances, have been easily and satisfactorily adjusted. Two cases have been recently communicated to me, in one of which I endeavored to effect a reconciliation; but from the hasty temper and stubborn disposition of one of the parties, the attempt was useless. The other I have not interfered with, as the time was close at hand for the meeting of Grand Lodge. Both of these cases will be brought before Grand Lodge at its present Communication.

DISPENSATIONS.

The M. W. Grand Master has been pleased to grant a Dispensation for a new Lodge in the city of London, called "The Tuscan," which has been regularly organized. .

I have also granted several Dispensations for holding Masonic Festivals, and two for the removal of Lodges,—one to St. John's Lodge, No. 81, Delaware, to remove to Mount Brydges, the other to Cassia Lodge, No. 116, Widder, to remove from that village to the Station.

DEATHS.

In accordance with the will of the G. A. O. T. U., many of our esteemed Brethren have been called from labor to rest. Amongst the number, the following have been reported to me: Bro. Wm. Dillon, Wellington Lodge, No. 46, Chatham; W. Bro. John H. Black, St. George's Lodge, No. 41, Kingsville; Bro. H. C. Hughes, Malahide Lodge, No. 140, Aylmer; Bros. Rev. P. Smith, Chaplain, and John Davidson, Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64, London. The last-named Brother lost his life by an accident on the Great Western Railway, he being an *employee* of that Company. He leaves a widow and several small children in destitute circumstances.

BENEVOLENCE.

Masonry is essentially a benevolent Institution; in fact, benevolence has ever been considered one of the strongest pillars upon which our Order is built; and with your permission, M. W. Sir, I would solicit the attention of Grand Lodge to one point in connection with this subject, which, I think, merits the most careful and serious consideration.

On referring to our Grand Lodge reports, I find that the annual receipts amount to nearly \$7,000, yet out of this large income there is not \$1,000 devoted to purposes of relief; and I would respectfully urge that the time has arrived when some more efficient means should be adopted for relieving the necessities of those who have such strong claims upon our benevolence.

I would suggest that a committee be appointed in each District, with the D. D. G. M. as Chairman, to meet quarterly and enquire into any case or cases of destitution in their District, and recommend such assistance as may seem necessary, the amount so given not to exceed one-half the amount of fees annually paid by the District to Grand Lodge.

Being about to retire from the office of D. D. G. M. for London District, (and I trust that the office will be filled by some one better qualified to discharge its duties,) I take this opportunity of expressing my sincere and heartfelt thanks for the many acts of kindness I have received at the hands of the Brethren of this District.

And in conclusion, M. W. Sir, permit me to congratulate you on the honorable position to which you have recently been appointed as County Judge for the County of Norfolk. May the G. A. O. T. U. preserve your health and strength, so that you may long continue to discharge the duties of that important office. At the same time, I am satisfied that your zeal and assiduity for Masonry will not relapse, but, if possible, will be stimulated with renewed vigor; and that you will continue to devote to the benefit of our Order, that wisdom and experience which has contributed so materially to our success in the past.

I would acknowledge, M. W. Sir, the prompt attention given by yourself and R. W. Bro. Harris, Grand Secretary, to all my communications during my term of office.

Respectfully submitted.

F. WESTLAKE,
D. D. G. M.

HURON DISTRICT.

To the M. W. the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Canada, in Grand Lodge assembled :

In conformity with the requirements of the Constitution, I submit herewith my report as D. D. G. M. of Huron District, for the year 1867-68.

I am happy in being able to report that during the year I have had the honor of being D. D. G. M. of this District, no grievances and no appeals of any kind have come before me for adjudication. The fact speaks in no unmistakable language of the harmony existing among the various members of the fraternity in this District, and also of the existence of a spirit of mutual forbearance which should always characterize the conduct and dealings of members of our ancient and honorable Order.

The prosperity which, in the good providence of the G. A. O. T. U., has blessed all portions of the Dominion during the past year, I may safely say has marked, in an especial manner, the Lodges in my District. Peace and prosperity have been with them.

I regret that circumstances over which I had no control prevented me from visiting all the Lodges in my District; but those I had the opportunity and pleasure of visiting gave me great satisfaction, and as a general rule, I found the W. M. and officers well skilled in the principles and practice of ancient Freemasonry.

I granted Dispensations to St. James', Tecumseh and Irving Lodges, to wear masonic clothing in public at the annual festival of the respective Lodges.

I refused to the Northern Light Lodge a Dispensation to pass the ballot for a rejected candidate, for a second time, within two months of his rejection.

I recommended the application for the establishment of a new Lodge at Walkerton to be called the "Saugeen Lodge," one at Mount Forest to be called the "St. Alban's Lodge," one at Elora to be called the "Irvine Lodge," and another at New Hamburg, to be called "New Dominion Lodge," all of which the M. W. the Grand Master has been pleased to entertain, and Dispensations have been duly issued for the same.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. C. CAMERON,

D. D. G. M.

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada :

BRETHREN,—I have the honor to submit herewith my second annual report on the condition of Masonry within this District during the past twelve months.

VISITATIONS.

Though unfortunately rendered incapable of again making a tour of all the Lodges, owing to a very severe winter's illness, I have, nevertheless, had several opportunities of visiting about half the number, and these, I am pleased to report, are healthy and steadily progressing. With nearly all the others I have had occasional correspondence, either through the Worshipful Masters or Brethren, and learn that they are quietly pursuing the even tenor of their way; adding to their numbers ashlar worthy of a place in our temple, and building up that great moral edifice of brotherly love and truth which is truly the cement and glory of Freemasonry.

Wherever necessary, I availed myself of the privilege of correcting manifest errors in work, and imparting such instructions on the general government of a Lodge as seemed

desirable, nearly always receiving courteous attention and ready compliance from all Brethren with whom duty brought me in contact.

COMPLAINTS AND APPEALS.

In several instances, complaints of a serious nature were submitted for adjudication. To these I gave the most careful consideration; and by thoroughly understanding the grounds of variance, and judiciously administering proper counsel, I had the pleasure of being instrumental in effecting a satisfactory adjustment of all but one case. That one—arising out of a brother improperly going to law with another on pecuniary affairs, without having first sought masonic redress—I regard as being in a fair way of settlement, knowing that the basis of arrangement proposed by me has met with approval from all the parties concerned, and that a few days will only be required to heal the rupture. I purposely avoid more minute details of these inharmonious differences, believing that where amicable agreement has been come to which meets with mutual concurrence from the parties aggrieved, it is more in accord with duty to throw the broad mantle of charity over such foibles than to enlarge upon them, or keep alive remembrances that must cause sorrow, and which should really be buried in oblivion.

CONTUMACIOUS CONDUCT.

In connection with this department, I feel sorry at having to report conduct on the part of the W. Master of St. George's Lodge, No. 15, that calls for grave consideration and firm discipline. An admonition against harsh ruling given the W. Bro. a short time since, appears to have greatly wounded his feelings, and has produced a refractory course of action, strongly calculated to provoke the resistance of authority, to bring the Lodge into disrepute, and to keep visitors, who look for fraternal courtesy, from attending its meetings. In one instance, I have had to order the erasure from the minutes of a very improper resolution, couched in offensive terms, and not only contumacious in spirit, but subversive of the

ancient charges and well-known landmarks. In another, I had to forbid the holding of a meeting illegally summoned, at which it was designed to commit the Lodge to partizan interference in a matter then in the hands of the M. W. Grand Master. And lastly, when I required the minute book and attendance register, to submit to the Board of General Purposes now in session, the W. Bro. ordered the Secretary to *show* them to me, but not to give them up. These facts show a spirit closely bordering upon insubordination; and while I would gladly refrain from noticing them here, yet duty demands that they should be reported, in order that such extraordinary proceedings may be properly dealt with, and their repetition guarded against.

THE WORK.

The unfortunate circumstance that prevented an exemplification of the ritual of this Grand Lodge at its last Annual Communication, produced much disappointment in some Lodges; but on explanation, it was seen that unavoidable causes, accruing at the last moment, alone interfered with this essential duty being discharged. I feel assured that the ample arrangements made for exemplification during the present session will give great satisfaction, and enable Brethren of isolated Lodges to carry home with them valuable instruction that will greatly tend to uniformity in our ceremonies.

LATE HOURS.

I have found a laxity in several Lodges in the time of commencing and closing their meetings. This arises, in a great measure, from the presiding officers not being punctual to the hour specified in their by-laws, thereby showing a bad example to subordinates, and eventually doing much harm to the Lodge; for where meetings are not opened till an hour after the appointed time, they are of necessity kept an hour longer from their homes and their families, and the Craft suffer in consequence. I hope the advice given to correct this evil will not fail in producing its proper effect.

A NEW LODGE.

In reporting the formation of a new Lodge at Oakville under the name of "White Oak," to which a Dispensation was granted by the M. W. Grand Master on the 11th January, 1868, I take great pleasure in referring in commendatory terms of the manner in which the Lodge is conducted, and the truly masonic spirit that has actuated the W. M. and Brethren since its opening. The Lodge is well and neatly furnished with carpets, room fittings, jewels, books, etc., and no debt exists as a debt, the original expenses having been paid by the petitioners for the Dispensation.

I am informed by R. W. Bro. Harris, who formally opened the Lodge, and has since visited it several times, that the quality of the material already introduced is highly creditable, and that the prospects for steady increase and permanency are most auspicious. The members have been very fortunate in the choice of their first W. M., Bro. Geo. K. Chisholm, whose social position, affable deportment, and genial temperament, are well calculated to beget respect for "White Oak Lodge," and render it a credit to this Grand Body. The minute book and records having been found satisfactory, I would recommend that a Warrant be granted.

FESTIVALS, ETC.

In August last, several of the Toronto Lodges visited Niagara Falls, in this District, when they were honored with the presence of the M. W. Grand Master and other Grand Officers, besides a large number of Brethren from Lodges in the vicinity and the American side. The occasion proved a very happy reunion, and beautifully illustrated the benign influence of Masonry in uniting all nationalities in the common bond of brotherhood. On the festival of St. John the Evangelist, I had the pleasure of visiting the Hamilton Brethren and assisting in the installation of several W. Masters elect then present. The visit was also instrumental in reconciling differences, and creating harmony where discord had prevailed.

On the festival of St. John the Baptist, I had the honor, by command of the M. W. Grand Master, to act in his behalf in performing the imposing ceremony of laying the corner stone of St. John's Church, Port Dalhousie, in which I was cordially assisted by the Grand Secretary, Grand Chaplain, several Past Grand Officers, and nearly three hundred Brethren of surrounding Lodges. I have since had a very kind letter from the rector, Rev. A. Dixon, A. B., in which he returns his warmest thanks to the Craft for their attendance, and adds: "I would also remark, that the very impressive ceremonies and services in which you took so prominent a part, have had a most beneficial effect on the minds of many present who have hitherto, through ignorance, been strongly prejudiced against Masonry. Will you have the goodness to convey to the gentlemen of various Lodges who favored us with their company, this expression of our sincere thanks."

OBITUARY.

The record of deceased Brethren, though happily not so full as last year, yet contains several revered names that will be remembered with the kindest regard for faithful service performed and invaluable aid rendered this Grand Lodge in its days of infancy. Who of our older members will not read with profound regret of the demise of R. W. Bro. F. J. Lundy, P. G. Chaplain, whose gifted genius and facile pen enabled him to adorn our earlier proceedings with many of the ablest reports there recorded? And who that knew the more retiring, but not less praiseworthy, labors of Bro. Robert Brown, in disseminating our purest principles and reproving the unfaithful, but will drop a silent tear when they learn that he is no more, and that never again this side of eternity will he mingle with us in the holy work of relieving the distressed, cheering the disconsolate, giving friendly counsel, and other kind acts, for which his name will long be held in grateful remembrance.

In Bro. W. Robb's sad death by drowning, the Craft has lost a worthy, consistent Mason, the country, a brave officer,

whose valor was proved in 1866, and the community in which he dwelt, one of the noblest-hearted men that ever lived.

Bros. Milton Davis, Donald Henderson, James H. Wright, Henry Izard and John Mulheim, have also gone to their long homes. These Brethren were all interred by the Craft with masonic ceremonies.

DISPENSATIONS.

Of those, I have granted one to St. Mark's Lodge, Drummondville, to wear masonic clothing and unite in procession with the Toronto Brethren last August; one to St. Andrew's Lodge, Caledonia, to wear masonic clothing at a picnic on St. John's Day; and one to Valley Lodge, Dundas, for a similar purpose. The Hamilton Brethren also had a very agreeable moonlight excursion on the 24th ult., at which masonic insignia was worn.

STATISTICS.

The reports received from the various Lodges show most of them to be in a prosperous condition, at least in as far as the accession of increased strength may justify this opinion, and in the steady accumulation of surplus revenues at their disposal. The tabular statement hereto appended will also show, that while an unusually large number of initiations have occurred in some Lodges, the ballot-box has been jealously guarded, thus affording the only safe protection against improper material being introduced. In my intercourse with the W. Masters and Brethren, I have strongly urged the importance of looking closely to the personal worth and integrity of all applicants who may seek admission into our Order, believing that where this caution is used a higher status must be obtained, which will not only make Masonry more respected in the eye of the world, but more useful and certain in working out its humanizing mission.

CONCLUSION.

In drawing my report to a close, I have again to thank the Brethren for the fraternal kindness always experienced at their hands, and to regret that causes already explained alone prevented my visiting each Lodge as required by Constitution.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. SEYMOUR,

D. D. G. M. Hamilton District.

ONTARIO DISTRICT.

To the Most Worshipful Wm. Mercer Wilson, LL. D., Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons of Canada :

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,—I have the honor to submit the following annual report for the Ontario District, comprising the counties of Ontario, Durham, Northumberland, Peterborough and Victoria, entrusted to my supervision, by the kindness of my masonic Brethren in my absence, at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

INSTRUCTION.

From a previous knowledge of the greater part of the District, I was well aware that very few of the Lodges had made much progress in acquiring the work established by Grand Lodge, and therefore, I felt it to be my duty to take immediate steps to prosecute the work of instruction which had been commenced by the establishment of Lodges of Instruction in a part of the District by my worthy predecessor, R. W. Bro. William Henry Weller.

On receiving official notification of my appointment, I wrote to R. W. Bro. Weller, asking him to advise me of any plans initiated by him which he would either desire or recommend to be followed up, but owing to his absence from the country I did not hear from him.

INSTALLATION.

Owing to my absence from the meeting of Grand Lodge,

at which I was nominated and appointed, I was not installed until the 24th of August, when the ceremony was performed in St. John's Lodge, Toronto, by R. W. Bro. Alfio DeGrassi, P. D. D. G. M., Toronto District.

CIRCULAR.

On the 3rd September following, I notified each Lodge by circular, a copy of which is herewith submitted, among other things, that "measures would be taken at an early day to re-organize the Lodges of Instruction which had been established by R. W. Bro. Weller, and to establish others, with a view to afford an opportunity to every Officer especially, and also to every member so inclined, to make himself acquainted with the mode of work established by Grand Lodge;" and further, in order to assist those desirous of acquiring that work, I would devote the first Friday and the first Saturday of each month to the service of such Brethren as might call upon me at the Lodge-rooms of Lebanon Lodge, Oshawa.

Several Masters, Officers, and Brethren, availed themselves of this invitation.

GENERAL LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

Having, in the meantime, visited thirteen out of the eighteen Lodges in the District, I notified the W. M. of each Lodge that I would hold a general Lodge of Instruction at Port Hope, commencing on the 23rd December, to continue in session as long as those present might desire.

The meeting continued in session four days, and resulted in my being able to place within easy access of each Lodge reliable work, so far as the opening and closing ceremonies and the work of the first degree are concerned.

LICENSES FOR LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

I issued a license to that intent to W. Bro. James Might, M. D., W. M. of J. B. Hall Lodge, under whose care St. John's, Hope, Ontario, Corinthian, Peterborough, Faithful Brethren and J. B. Hall Lodges were placed; to W. Bro.

E. W. Edwards, who took charge of United and Colborne Lodges; and to W. Bro. James C. Brown, whose license embraced Golden Rule, Percy, and Hastings Lodges.

I had previously re-organized the Western Lodge of Instruction, comprising the four Lodges in the county of Ontario, of which that experienced and thoroughly qualified W. Brother Francis Kellar, kindly took charge.

WORK.

I was extremely anxious to be able to report to Grand Lodge at this session, that every Lodge in Ontario District could be properly and efficiently worked by its own Officers.

In this matter I was too sanguine. Owing to the lack of interest of the Officers, more especially the Worshipful Masters of several of the Lodges which perhaps had better not be named at present, the work of perfection in them has truly but just begun.

Notwithstanding much remissness and apathy on the part of many at the beginning of the official year, I am happy to be able to state that, in part from a change in the Officers made in December, and in part from other causes, there is now an earnest desire manifested by nearly all to attain proficiency in the authorized work.

The ritual of Grand Lodge in the opening and closing ceremonies, and in the work of the First, generally prevails. The exceptions are Golden Rule Lodge, Campbellford, Hope and Ontario Lodges, Port Hope, and St. John's Lodge, Cobourg. Some progress has been made by Hope and Ontario Lodges; and circumstances of an unusual character prevented Golden Rule Lodge from giving any attention of consequence to the acquisition of it.

In several Lodges I experienced some disinclination to acquire what they called the "New Work," their so-called "Old Work" being the result of inaccurate and imperfect means used, and having been improved according to the taste and fancy of the worker.

Like theft in Sparta, this process is seemingly considered honorable—if not found out, and accordingly, measures are almost invariably taken by such workers—who, I am glad to say, now form a small and constantly decreasing class in this District—to disguise their stolen apparel or borrowed plumes by addition, diminution, or alteration; but the result of their ingenuity, however produced, and however dissimilar it may be on any two successive occasions, and however unlike anything to be found elsewhere, is still by them stoutly held to be the old—the original work.

With the exception of the Lodges in the western part of the District, I found, on my visit, no two of the Lodges which worked exactly, or even mainly, alike.

Through the valuable assistance of the Brethren already named who took charge of the Lodges of Instruction established in December last, I am glad to be able to report that this has been partially remedied, and I am pleased to be able to offer a fair instalment of improvement.

The Lodges which have acquired the work of Grand Lodge to the greatest degree, with accuracy, are Lebanon Lodge, Oshawa, and Durham Lodge, Newcastle. Great credit is due to W. Bro. John Boyd, W. M. of the former, and to W. Bro. R. T. Wilkinson, W. M. of the latter, for the great progress they have made in acquiring the work.

In so far as the work has been learned, the ceremony is best executed by Hastings Lodge.

Very considerable improvement has also been made by Jerusalem Lodge, Bowmanville, Colborne Lodge, Colborne, and Mount Zion Lodge, Brooklin. This progress is entirely attributable to the zeal and attention of the present Masters; and in the case of Colborne Lodge, much assistance has been given by that zealous Mason, W. Bro. Edgar W. Edwards, W. M. of United Lodge, Brighton.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

While it may be the most equitable policy to overlook the remissness of the few Masters who have not hitherto taken

active steps to acquaint themselves with the work authorized by this Grand Lodge, I would recommend, now that the ritual is about again to be illustrated, that a general regulation be adopted that no Master be installed hereafter until he obtains a certificate from the G. M., or some qualified G. L. Officer to be named by the G. M., that he is in possession of the work and lectures adopted by this Grand Lodge, and that he is competent to *practice* and impart the same.

It should be borne in mind, in this connection, that the proper practice of our work is by no means the easiest part of the ritual.

To facilitate the acquisition of the theory of the work, I would recommend that it be made incumbent upon each W. M., at the expense of his Lodge, to attend periodical meetings to be held at convenient central points, at which the D. D. Grand Master shall be empowered, in his discretion, to impart the exoteric portions thereof in writing, under such suitable restrictions as the G. M. may from time to time establish; and that, at such meetings, the esoteric portions and the practice of the work be fully illustrated and explained by the D. D. G. M.

CEREMONY OF INSTALLATION.

A very large majority of the Lodges I found to be totally unacquainted with the proper ceremony of installation.

It was fully explained and illustrated, both during many of my visits to the individual Lodges and also at the general Lodge of Instruction at Port Hope.

I installed the W. Masters of United, Composite, and Colborne Lodges, at Colborne, on the 27th of December, the W. Master of Mt. Zion Lodge, subsequently, at Oshawa, and the W. Masters of Durham and Jerusalem Lodges at Bowmanville.

I believe the ceremony, with possibly two exceptions, was properly performed in the other Lodges by well-informed Brethren.

At the conclusion of the session of the general Lodge of Instruction, held at Port Hope, the adjoining Lodges were invited to attend the meeting at Colborne, and were largely represented at it. The meeting was a most pleasant one, and the Brethren of Colborne Lodge entertained their guests in a most handsome manner.

In reply to an address which was presented to your representative at this meeting, I had the privilege of bringing under the notice of the Brethren some of the leading characteristics of our time-honored Institution, and of the duties of members of our excellent Order.

GRAND LODGE MONEYS.

The regulation of Grand Lodge, requiring that a separate and distinct account of the fees and dues received on account of Grand Lodge be kept, I found to be all but universally overlooked.

Attention was specially called to it, and I think it will be hereafter observed.

SIGNATURE TO BY-LAWS.

A book containing the by-laws of the Lodge, with the signature of each member, was fully kept by but few. When I found it wanting or imperfect, I advised the W. Master to observe the regulation of Grand Lodge.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF B. OF G. P.

The recommendation of the Board of General Purposes, adopted at the Tenth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, that each Lodge should, in future, discharge the travelling expenses of the D. D. G. M. to the extent of at least one visit in each year, is almost a dead letter in the Ontario District, having been observed by but two of the eighteen Lodges in the District.

REGALIA.

Another recommendation of the Board, adopted by Grand Lodge at the same Communication, that the Lodges of each

District should unite in purchasing the regalia for the D. D. G. M., *to be held for the use* of the Brother who may at any time fill that office, has been partially acted upon.

The matter was taken up by a special committee appointed by several Lodges in the western part of the District.

I am informed by W. Bro. Francis Kellar, P. M. of Composite Lodge, Whitby, chairman of that committee, that the following Lodges have forwarded to him their proportion of the amount required for that purpose, and also their proportion of such further sum as was deemed necessary to provide suitable record books and other requisites for the District, viz: Lebanon Lodge, Oshawa; Ontario Lodge, Port Hope; Jerusalem Lodge, Bowmanville; Prince Albert Lodge, Prince Albert; Composite Lodge, Whitby.

Corinthian and Peterborough Lodges state, through their Secretary, that they are unable to pay their proportion.

Percy Lodge, Warkworth, and United Lodge, Brighton, will forward their proportion so soon as all the others have done so.

The following Lodges refuse, viz: Hastings Lodge, Hastings, and Durham Lodge, Newcastle—alleging, that inasmuch as the D. D. G. M. is a Grand Lodge Officer, any requisite regalia should be provided by Grand Lodge.

OBITUARY.

The only death reported officially to me during the year was that of W. Bro. William Dinwoodie, a member of Peterborough Lodge, and, at the time of his decease, serving his second term as W. M. of Manistee Lodge, situated at Manistee in the State of Michigan, in the United States of America, at which place Bro. Dinwoodie died on Sunday, Jan. 19th, 1868.

W. Bro. Dinwoodie was a native of Campbellford, Ontario, and removed to Manistee some years ago. There was then no masonic Lodge at Manistee. Feeling this to be a want, and meeting with a few Brethren of the same mind in that new and rising town, they, by their united exertions, succeeded in organizing a Lodge. W. Bro. Dinwoodie, having been

very active in the good work, was elected the first Master. At the end of the year he was re-elected; and during his second year of office, it pleased the G. A. O. T. U. to call him away.

His remains were brought to his father's residence, at Campbellford, and there interred with masonic honors—W. Bro. C. Cameron, W. M. Peterborough Lodge, No. 155, presiding on the occasion, assisted by the Brethren of Peterborough, Hastings, and Golden Rule Lodges. Peterborough Lodge was Brother Dinwoodie's mother Lodge.

The following resolutions will show the kindness displayed to the brother of deceased (who brought home the body), not only by the members of Manistee Lodge, but also by others (whose names are mentioned in said resolutions), in his sad journey homeward. They saw him safely across the lines with his charge. They will also shew the high esteem in which Brother Dinwoodie was held by the fraternity in general, but more especially by the members of his own Lodge. The resolutions are as follows:—

Resolutions adopted by Manistee Lodge, No. 228, F. and A. M., Michigan, on the death of their Worshipful Master, Wm. Dinwoodie.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe again to visit our fraternal circle, in the removal of our chief Officer and highly-valued Brother, William Dinwoodie, in the pride of his early manhood. Therefore,

RESOLVED,—That while we mourn in heartfelt sorrow the sudden death of our Worshipful Master, we bow in humble submission to the mandate which has called him from labor to reward in that Temple not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

RESOLVED,—That in the removal of Brother Dinwoodie, we, as a Lodge, have not only lost a valuable chief Officer, but a Brother endeared to us by his many social and intellectual virtues, and who, by the natural sweetness and amiability of his disposition, largely won upon our confidence and esteem.

RESOLVED,—That as a feeble expression of regard for our deceased Brother, we will attend his funeral as a Lodge, dress our Hall and furniture in mourning, and wear crape for thirty days.

RESOLVED,—That we hereby extend our sympathy to the friends of our deceased Brother in their sudden bereavement, and commend them with

prayerful interest to the care of our Heavenly Father in this their deep affliction.

RESOLVED,—That the thanks of this Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to Wm. Moore and family, for their kind attention to our deceased Brother during his illness.

RESOLVED.—That the Secretary of our Lodge be requested to furnish a copy of these resolutions to the friends of our deceased Brother, and also to the MANISTEE TIMES for publication.

PETERBOROUGH LODGE,

PETERBORO', Ont., 18th Feb., 1868.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—We are instructed by Peterborough Lodge, No. 155, to forward to you a copy of a resolution unanimously passed at their last meeting. The resolution reads as follows :

“RESOLVED,—That the heartfelt thanks of this Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered, to the Brethren of Manistee Lodge, to the Brethren of Pentwater Lodge, to the W. Master of Muskegeon Lodge, as also to Bro. Thompson, Merchants' Express Company, Ferrysberg, and Bro. Thompson, Conductor D. and M. R. R., for the many acts of kindness shewn to our late lamented Brother, William Dinwoodie, and for the kind assistance given to his brother in forwarding the remains to his home in Canada.”

The Brethren of Golden Rule Lodge, Campbellford, and Hastings Lodge, Hastings, present with us on the sad occasion when we assembled to pay the last sad tribute to our late Brother Dinwoodie, also desire us to convey to you their sincere thanks for your kindness to our late Brother. Such acts as yours reflect credit upon our Order. They mark the true Mason, and prove that the tenets of our Order are indeed Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. With sentiments of fraternal regard,

We remain, fraternally yours,

CHARLES CAMERON, W. MASTER.

D. G. EASTWOOD, SENIOR WARDEN.

WRIGHT M. GOODWIN, SECRETARY.

REVIVAL OF LODGES.

I have much pleasure in reporting the revival of Hope Lodge, No. 114, Port Hope, and Faithful Brethren Lodge, No. 77, held at Oakwood at the time of the surrender of its Warrant. Both of these Lodges surrendered their Warrants, etc., in 1865, to my predecessor, R. W. Bro. C. D. Macdonnell. I am glad to report that they have resumed work under very favorable auspices.

The Warrant, etc., of Hope Lodge, was entrusted by the G. M. to W. Bro. A. T. Williams, a Brother who formerly had much experience, and who is now supported by able and zealous Officers.

I had the pleasure of installing the Officers of Faithful Brethren Lodge on the 6th of June, at Lindsay, to which place the Lodge has been removed by the authority of the Grand Master.

The Brethren have secured a good room in a convenient locality on a principal street, and are determined that their Lodge shall, in a greater degree than heretofore, merit its excellent name.

W. Bro. James Might, M. D., W. M. of J. B. Hall Lodge, has been of invaluable assistance to the Brethren in enabling them to qualify themselves to resume work; and in token of of their appreciation of his services, he has been made an honorary member of the Lodge—the highest honor which any Lodge can bestow upon any Brother outside of its membership.

DISPENSATIONS.

The W. M. of Durham Lodge, Newcastle, applied for a Dispensation to appear in masonic clothing at the festival of St. John the Evangelist, which I granted.

The W. M. of Composite Lodge, Whitby, applied for a Dispensation to wear the regalia of the Order at a festival, of which dancing was to form a part, to be given under the auspices of the Lodge on the 7th of February last; and feeling that I had not the power to grant the same, I forwarded his application to the Grand Master, when he was pleased to grant it. A large number of Brethren from the adjoining Lodges attended, and it passed off with delight to those present and credit and honor to the Craft.

At the request of the W. M., I had the honor of opening the entertainment with the usual ceremonies, and a few remarks pertinent to the occasion.

I also granted a Dispensation to the members of Lebanon Lodge, Oshawa, to wear the regalia of the Order at a strawberry festival given by the Lodge on the 3rd inst.

VISITS,

Since my appointment, I have visited and examined the books of every Lodge in this large and extended District, some of them several times.

In addition to such individual visits and the general meeting at Port Hope in December last, I have held meetings at Warkworth, Millbrook, Brighton, Colborne, Cobourg, Port Hope, Newcastle, Bowmanville, Oshawa, and Whitby, of which the Lodges in the vicinity were notified, and which they were summoned to attend.

My correspondence with the Officers and Brethren has been very extensive, which, I trust, has in a measure lightened the labors of our excellent Grand Secretary. I have been frequently indebted to him for valuable advice and assistance during the year. Promptness and despatch have been the characteristics of his office in this respect during my experience.

CONDITION.

Without exception, the Lodges of Ontario District are in a prosperous financial condition; and I have much pleasure in being able to state that unity, harmony, and brotherly love, prevail among them.

Only a few mistakes and misunderstandings have occurred, and these, with a single exception—in a case respecting the regularity and validity of the minutes kept by the Lodge, in which I had no power—were easily adjusted by friendly counsel in a brotherly manner.

TABULAR STATEMENT.

I submit a tabular statement herewith, giving certain facts and statistics respecting the Lodges in the District. It appears from it that 79 were initiated since July 1st, 1867, 68 passed, 55 raised, 33 affiliated; 5 Lodges unheard from.

The adequate performance of the duties of D. D. G. M. requires too much time, expense and exertion for a private individual; and I was not much surprised to learn that some of the Lodges had never been visited by any of my predecessors, and that several others had not, before my visit, seen that Officer for years.

In conclusion, M. W. Sir and Brethren, I acknowledge with emotions of the most profound gratitude, the distinguished honor which you have been pleased to confer upon me, and the cordial and fraternal reception which has always been extended to me by the Craft, and I cheerfully submit this record of my official labors to your better judgment; and if it shall be found that I have faithfully and diligently endeavored to discharge the duties of the high and important office entrusted to me, my reward will be ample indeed.

All of which is nevertheless respectfully and fraternally submitted.

WILLIAM McCABE,

D. D. G. M. Ontario District.

OSHAWA, July 1st, 1868.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT.

To the M. W. the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Canada:

In complying with the requirements of Grand Lodge, I herewith submit a brief report on the condition of Masonry in the Prince Edward District during the past year.

I have to regret that my business avocations prevented my visiting as many of the Lodges in the western part of this District, as I intended and duty required, during the past winter; however, I have thankfully to acknowledge the very valuable services of R. W. Bro. Henderson, of Belleville, and W. Bro. DeLany, of Trenton, in visiting those Lodges and giving them instruction.

The Lodges throughout this District, on the whole, are in a very prosperous condition, and working as near the system laid down by the Grand Lodge of Canada as possible.

On the 24th of October last, I installed the Officers of Filius Viduæ Lodge, No. 189, Adolphustown, and was presented on that occasion, on behalf of the Lodge, with a very handsome silver cup, suitably engraved.

Only one death among the Brethren of this District has been reported to me during the year, viz., that of Bro. Wm. Henry Chamberlain, of Belleville Lodge, No. 123, who was interred with masonic honors.

I have granted Dispensations during the past year as follows:—To Union Lodge, No. 9, Napanee, Belleville Lodge, No. 123, Belleville, and to Moira Lodge, No. 11, Belleville, to celebrate the festival of St. John the Evangelist. To Trent Lodge, No. 38, Trenton, to celebrate the festival of St. John the Baptist. To Prince Edward Lodge, No. 18, Picton, and Star in the East Lodge, No. 164, Wellington, to appear in masonic clothing at a concert, proceeds to be devoted to charity; and I am pleased to know the enjoyment of the Brethren has been enhanced by these privileges.

A Dispensation has been granted during the year by the M. W. Grand Master for a Lodge at Arnprior, called the Madawaska Lodge; and as I understand this Lodge is in good working order, I trust that it will be confirmed by Warrant.

In concluding this report, I have to return my sincere thanks to the Brethren of this District for the many acts of kindness and courtesy received from them.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

— DONALD FRASER,

D. D. G. M., P. E. D.

CENTRAL DISTRICT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Canada:

I have the honor to submit the following report on the condition of the masonic Lodges in the Central District.

I beg respectfully to call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the large extent of the District, and the number of the

Lodges within its limits. No Brother having private avocations to attend to, can, without serious prejudice to his own business, thoroughly discharge the responsible duties of D. D. Grand Master.

I have visited all the Lodges under my jurisdiction except three, and I would have visited all had not a misapprehension on my part respecting the meeting of Grand Lodge prevented my doing so.

I regret that I have not been able to visit frequently those Lodges that are in need of instruction.

I can, with pleasure, report that the Officers of the Lodges I have inspected are, in almost every instance, zealous and attentive to their duties, and that the members give them a generous and respectful support.

The ritual approved of by the Grand Lodge has been generally adopted; and the work does not vary more than may be reasonably expected until the District is divided, or a paid Officer appointed, whose special duty it shall be to instruct in the ritual and enforce uniformity.

St. James' Lodge, No. 74, and Rising Sun Lodge, No. 85, work in accordance with a ritual similar to that used in the United States. These Lodges contain many old and much esteemed Masons, who are loath to give up ceremonials they have been long accustomed to; yet if Grand Lodge will vouchsafe to instruct them fully, they will yield to the general desire for uniformity.

The minute and other Lodge books, with but a few laudable exceptions, are not such as should be used to record masonic proceedings. They are nearly all in a most unsatisfactory state; and I submit, with all due respect, that Grand Lodge prepare books for subordinate Lodges, and require their use.

St. James' Lodge, No. 74, has initiated a candidate who is maimed in his right hand, but who is undoubtedly a man of superior mind, and well able to earn an independent livelihood. I mention this fact because my attention has been drawn thereto by influential Masons, and I deem it desirable to call forth an expression of opinion on this and similar cases.

There are but one or two Lodges in the District that have libraries of any kind. A sound acquaintance with the history of Freemasonry, and a clear understanding of its principles, are more to be desired than a mechanical knowledge, however accurate, of its ceremonials; and therefore, I consider it of the utmost importance that a strong effort should be made in every Lodge to place the means of education within the reach of all.

In October, the Brethren of Simpson Lodge, No. 157, petitioned to remove said Lodge from Delta to Newboro'. After due enquiry, I granted their request.

I have granted Dispensations during the past year as follows:—To Simpson Lodge, No. 157, Newboro', for a festival on the 24th June. To Mount Zion Lodge, No. 28, Kemptville, for a festival on 27th December last.

The M. W. Grand Master issued, in December, a Dispensation to hold a Lodge at Arnprior; and also, in March, a Dispensation to hold a Lodge at Gananoque. I have visited the Brethren in both of these villages, and can, with confidence in their ability to conduct a masonic Lodge, recommend that Warrants be granted them.

In December, I installed the W. Master and invested the Officers of Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186. I found them on examination well skilled in their work; but I consider it my duty to state that there is not ample material in Plantagenet, nor in the immediate vicinity, to build up and sustain a well-ordered Lodge.

In January, I received the Warrant and minute-book of St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, Smith's Falls.

I regret to report that the condition of True Briton Lodge, No. 14, Perth, has not improved during the past year.

Cornwall Lodge, No. 125, Cornwall, held no meetings during the years 1866 and 1867. The minute book for these years is lost. I am therefore unable to judge accurately why Masonry has failed to establish a Lodge in the thriving town of Cornwall. I am informed that the unwise introduction of politics into the Lodge meetings threw discord among the

Brethren. I have observed a tendency to this unmasonic proceeding in other Lodges, and have not failed to warn them to avoid such discussions. Regular meetings have been held this year, but they were ill attended, and gave no promise of ability to revive the Lodge and restore harmony.

Aylmer Lodge, No. 138, Aylmer, has worked for some years in a careless and irregular manner. During the past year few meetings have been held. I trust the Officers and Brethren of this Lodge will resolve on and carry out a thorough reform.

Goodwood Lodge, No. 159, Richmond, held its meetings during the past year in the Town Hall. I represented the inconvenience and danger arising therefrom to the W. Master and Brethren of the Lodge; and I am glad to have it in my power to report, that with praiseworthy exertions they have commenced the building of a Lodge-room that will be finished in a few weeks.

I have been notified of three masonic funerals, as follows : Bro. C. J. Thomas, of Doric Lodge, No. 58, Ottawa; Bro. Simon Sweetland, formerly of St. John's Lodge, No. 3, Kingston; Bro. A. W. Ardagh, of Prescott.

In conclusion, I thank the Brethren of the Central District for the many acts of kindness and courtesy shewn towards me on all occasions.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN P. FEATHERSTON,

D. D. G. M. Central District.

MONTREAL DISTRICT.

To the M. W. the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Canada, A. F. and A. M.:

By command of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, I assumed, in my official capacity of Grand Registrar, the supervision of the Montreal District, vacant by the declension of R. W. Bro. Richard Bull of his appointment of D. D. G. M., and it gives me great pleasure in reporting that since that time Masonry among us has been in a satisfactory condition.

One new Lodge has been formed in the city of Montreal; and since its inception under Dispensation it has been working with a degree of diligence and zeal which, I trust, will entitle the Officers and Brethren to their Warrant of confirmation.

No complaint of any kind has been placed before me officially, which is a satisfactory indication that the work is being carried on with that harmony which ought at all times to characterize the Brethren.

A desire for uniformity of work has been manifested to a larger extent than usual among the respective Officers of the Lodges, and, as far as has been in my power, I have endeavored to accomplish this. It is also pleasing to notice that the use of instrumental music in our ceremonies is becoming more general, stimulated, no doubt, by the able assistance rendered by professional and other Brethren who have recently joined the Order. The approaching exemplification of "work" at Grand Lodge is anxiously looked forward to by many of the delegates.

Our masonic library has, by the liberality of several distinguished Brethren, been considerably increased during the past year, but I regret to say it is not so generally made use of as could be wished. This result may possibly arise from the inconvenience of having the library in the Lodge-room, which is only available on Lodge nights. Steps are being taken to remedy this, when, I trust, the Brethren generally will avail themselves of this great privilege.

Several Brethren have, since last report, been removed from amongst us by death, but only in one instance—that of our late Bro. Thos. Sellar, of Victoria Lodge—has the funeral been accompanied by masonic ceremonies.

Our local Board of Relief, composed of representatives from all the Lodges in the city of Montreal, whether under this jurisdiction or otherwise, has been in active operation during the past masonic year, and, I believe, fully meets in every respect the duties required of it. It is gratifying to find our Brethren hailing from different jurisdictions so cordially co-operating with us in the great work of dispensing our charity to needy and distressed Brethren. A sum of about

four hundred dollars has been paid out by the Board during the year, and this is altogether exclusive of what private Lodges may have done during the same period in relieving those of their own membership who may have had claims upon them, and which, in the aggregate, may equal in amount the sum distributed by the Board.

A circular signed by R. W. Bro. Borlase, P. D. D. G. M., E. T. D., has been sent to the several Lodges in this District, inviting to a conference the delegates to Grand Lodge, to take into consideration that part of the address of the M. W. the Grand Master at the last Communication of Grand Lodge having reference to the status of Grand Lodge, etc., and the report on which, by a special committee, was laid over for consideration at next Communication of Grand Lodge, so that when the discussion may arise they may be able intelligently to express an opinion thereon. This circular was received and formally acted on by all the Lodges, with, I regret to say, one exception, who, by vote of the Lodge, refused to receive it at all. I had previously, so far as I had opportunity, called the attention of Lodges to this subject, and I certainly would have deemed desirable that all the delegates should meet for an interchange of opinion on such an important topic. The conference referred to being, at the date at which I write, still in the future, I cannot in any way indicate the feeling of the Brethren on this question.

I cannot conclude without reference to one important point which has been almost the only source of discord among us during the past year. I refer to the right of the Brethren to belong to two or more Lodges, where there are so many Lodges meeting in one place, and, as a consequence, a large membership. It can hardly be expected that differences will not arise, and in more than one instance these have been aggravated by double membership. I mention this, not that the matter has been before me officially, but to express the hope that Grand Lodge will see fit to do away with this anomaly in our Constitution.

The whole respectfully submitted.

ALEX. MURRAY,

Grand Registrar, and acting D. D. G. M., M. D.

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS DISTRICT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR, OFFICERS, AND BRETHREN,—There are the following eighteen Lodges in the Eastern Townships District, in the Province of Quebec :

1. PREVOST	LODGE, No.	1,.....	Dunham.
2. DORCHESTER	" "	4,.....	St. Johns'.
3. NELSON	" "	8,.....	Philipsburg.
4. GOLDEN RULE	" "	12,.....	Stanstead.
5. SHEFFORD	" "	53,.....	Waterloo.
6. ST. FRANCIS	" "	67,.....	Richmond.
7. VICTORIA	" "	71,.....	Sherbrooke.
8. STANBRIDGE	" "	117,.....	Stanbridge.
9. YAMASKA	" "	130,.....	Granby.
10. CLARENCEVILLE	" "	152,.....	Clarenceville.
11. BROWNE	" "	163,.....	West Farnham.
12. ST. JOHN'S	" "	175,.....	Mansonville.
13. TUSCAN	" "	182,.....	Levis.
14. ROYAL CANADIAN	" "	187,.....	Sweetsburg.
15. ASCOT	" "	188,.....	Lennoxville.
16. ASHLAR	" "	191,.....	Coaticook.
17. FRELIGHSBURG	"	U. D.	Frelighsburg.
18. DORIC	"	U. D.	Danville.

I have visited most of these Lodges during the past year, and I have very great pleasure in reporting that they are generally enjoying a good degree of substantial prosperity. The Officers are, for the most part, very able men and zealous Masons, and there seems to be, on the part of the Brethren, an increasing desire for masonic knowledge, and a growing love for the Order.

During the past year, R. W. Bro. M. M. Tait has been pleased to act as District Secretary, and Bro. the Rev. C. P. Mallory as District Chaplain.

It is my melancholy duty to report the death on the 30th of March, of R. W. Bro. Elisha Gustin, P. M. of Golden Rule Lodge, No. 12, Stanstead, and Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Eastern Townships District.

He was buried with masonic honors on the 2nd of April.

At his funeral there was a large concourse of townspeople, and of Brethren not only from his own Lodge, but from many other parts of the townships and the adjacent parts of the State of Vermont.

By the death of R. W. Bro. Gustin, the Craft in the Eastern Townships has lost one of its best men, as well as one of its brightest Masons. Few men have been more generally and deservedly beloved by all who knew him than "Father Gustin" as he had been familiarly and endearingly called for many a year. His loss is very extensively felt; and because of his great worth and his many virtues, his memory will long be cherished, not only by his Brethren of the Eastern Townships, but also by a large number of the fathers of this Grand Lodge throughout its entire jurisdiction. I beg to suggest, that in honor of so good a man, and so excellent a Mason, a memorial page of our printed proceedings be set apart.

By Dispensation, the festival of St. John the Evangelist was publicly celebrated by St. John's Lodge, Mansonville. I deeply regretted my inability to be present on the occasion, but I have reason to believe that the festival was conducted in a manner highly satisfactory, and the result has been very beneficial to the Craft in that section of the District.

The late festival of St. John the Baptist was also, by Dispensation, publicly celebrated by Prevost Lodge, No. 1, Dunham. On this occasion, nearly all the Lodges in the western part of the Eastern Townships were very fully represented, and the attendance of ladies and gentlemen from the vicinity and surrounding Townships was also very large.

Religious services were held in the Church of England in the forenoon, at which time our Rev. Bro. H. Montgomery, of Philipsburg, delivered an excellent discourse.

Shortly after this, the beautiful monument erected to the memory of our late eminent and beloved Brother, the Rev. Archdeacon Joseph Scott, D. D., P. D. G. M., was formally unveiled and consecrated in the presence of a large concourse, with prayer, by the Rev. Bro. Montgomery, after which an able address was delivered by Bro. Chamberlin, M. P.

Prevost Lodge, which has greatly honored itself by the erection of this monument, was assisted by contributions from different Lodges in the vicinity, and the sum of \$50.00 voted by Grand Lodge was also appropriated for the same purpose. This good example might becomingly be followed by other Lodges, who enjoyed the services of faithful and eminent Brethren who have gone to rest.

In the after part of the day, about 300 persons—men, women, and children—partook of a sumptuous dinner in the commodious hall of Bro. Seely's hotel, V. W. Bro. Stevens Baker, W. M. of Prevost Lodge, in the chair. After dinner, the usual loyal and masonic toasts were duly given and honored. It would be unnecessary to report in detail the credit deserved by so many of the Officers and Brethren of Prevost Lodge, for their successful efforts in conducting one of the best public masonic festivals ever held in that section of the Dominion; and there are many reasons for believing that the results will be highly beneficial to that Lodge and to the Craft in general.

It is with especial pleasure that I have to report that the affairs of Prevost Lodge are being put into a highly satisfactory condition, and that the Lodge itself is now enjoying great harmony and prosperity under the direction of excellent Officers and prudent Brethren. Where all the Lodges in the District are doing so well, it is unnecessary to do more than to record the credit to all which is so generally and deservedly due.

The Lodges throughout the District cordially and promptly responded to the recommendation of Grand Lodge, and have procured regalia for the D. D. G. M. and his successors, at a cost of a little over one hundred dollars.

Several important questions have arisen during the past year, in regard to which it is sufficient to report that the M. W. the G. M. has been pleased to endorse and confirm all the decisions of the District Deputy.

It is unpleasant to be obliged to report, that there is not among all our Lodges and Brethren a very general satisfaction with the manner in which the affairs of some of the committees

of the Board of General Purposes are conducted, particularly that on grievances, appeals, etc., etc.

The Brethren often seem to have good cause of complaint when important cases, duly brought before them for consideration and early action, are sometimes put off and postponed from meeting to meeting of the Board, and from one committee of Grand Lodge to another, until often wide-spread and permanent evil results therefrom, both to individual Brethren and to the Craft in general.

I have the honor further to report, that the Lodges throughout the Eastern Townships appear to have taken into their most careful and mature consideration the very important matter of a general Grand Lodge for the Dominion of Canada, which has been so ably submitted to the Craft by our M. W. the Grand Masters during the past three years; and there seems to be in the E. T. D. a very general agreement in the opinion of the M. W. the G. M., expressed in his address at the last regular Communication of the Grand Lodge, wherein he said: "I must confess that I entertain grave doubts whether a union embracing such an immense extent of country would have a tendency to promote the advancement of the best interests of Masonry on this continent."

With my heartiest thanks to my Brethren for my unanimous re-election as D. D. G. M., E. T. D., and for their, I fear, over-partial kindness to me in all my official intercourse during the past year, I again return into their hands, and yours, M. W. Sir, the important trust committed to me, praying the G. A. O. T. U. to bless all our faithful endeavors to promote the best interests of our beloved Order.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. H. GRAHAM,
D. D. G. M., E. T. D.

On motion, the foregoing reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters were received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet on to-morrow, Thursday, at 10.30 o'clock, A. M.

THURSDAY, 9th July, 1868.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 11.45 o'clock, A. M.

M. W. Bro. William Mercer Wilson, Grand Master,
On the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members, and Representatives.

The Grand Secretary read a letter from the Prevost Lodge, No. 1, Dunham, complaining of the action of Frontier Lodge, State of Vermont, in having initiated persons from within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada without having obtained the consent of the nearest Lodge, which letter was referred to the Board of General Purposes.

In accordance with notice given yesterday, it was moved by R. W. Bro. Kivas Tully, seconded by R. W. Bro. John A. Macdonald, K. C. B., and unanimously

RESOLVED,—That in consideration of the services rendered to this Grand Lodge in its infancy, the rank of Past Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Canada be conferred upon V. W. Bro. Brackstone Baker, P. G. Steward of the United Grand Lodge of England.

W. Bro. C. Barber gave the following notices of motion for to-morrow :

1st.—He would move that the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at the City of Quebec.

2nd.—That it is desirable in the interest of Freemasonry that one or more paid Grand Lecturers be appointed.

3rd.—Notice of motion for the next Annual Communication, that the fees and dues payable by the subordinate Lodges to Grand Lodge be reduced one half.

V. W. Bro. P. J. Brown gave notice that on to-morrow he would move that the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at Montreal.

R. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson presented his Credentials and Warrant of appointment to the M. W. Grand Master,

as the representative of the Grand Orient of Brazil at the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The R. W. Bro. Stevenson was saluted with Grand Honors, and took his seat on the dais.

R. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, President of the Board of General Purposes, submitted the following report on

AUDIT AND FINANCE.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The undersigned has the honor to report, for the information of Grand Lodge, that, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, the members of the Board of General Purposes were notified to attend the semi-annual meeting of the Board at Brockville, on the second Tuesday of February, 1868, but only four members could make it convenient to be present—not sufficient to form a quorum for the transaction of business. Several matters of routine requiring immediate attention, I appointed R. W. Bro. John Kerr and V. W. Bro. James Bain, two members of the Finance Committee of the Board, to examine the books and financial statements of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, in order to enable me to issue orders on the Grand Treasurer for the payment of certain accounts presented against Grand Lodge, and to relieve a number of Brethren and widows of Brethren, in whose behalf applications had been received. Brothers Kerr and Bain discharged that duty with great care, and the result of their labors was published as the annual financial report, and circulated amongst the Lodges. The following is a synopsis of their report:—

The receipts for the year ending 31st December, 1867, as per Grand Secretary's books, were as follows :

Certificates	\$2,118 00
Dues.....	3,366 50
Fees	1,413 50
Dispensations	351 00
Warrants.....	100 00

Constitutions.....	304 27
Proceedings	34 50
Donations Masonic Asylum Fund.....	335 56
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	\$8,023 33

By Grand Treasurer's statement, the following is the position of the general Grand Lodge account :

General Fund account.....	\$16,813 20
Benevolence investment account.....	7,890 24
“ current account.....	263 90
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	\$24,967 34
Asylum Fund.....	519 19
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	\$25,486 53

Invested as follows :

County Middlesex Debentures, 6 per ct....	\$ 1,600 00
Provincial Debentures, 7 per ct.....	16,000 00
Gore Bank, Simcoe, on call, 4 per ct.....	7,886 53
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	\$25,486 53

The Masonic Asylum Fund stands as follows :

Provincial Debentures.....	\$3,800 00
Bank of Montreal.....	19 46
Interest on Prov. Debentures, about.....	310 00
Grand Treasurer, on call.....	519 19
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	\$4,648 65

The expenditures for the year, as more fully appears by the detailed statement already furnished to Lodges by the Grand Secretary, was \$2,617.34.

The amount expended for benevolence amounted to \$1,173.90.

In conclusion, I have also to state that the instructions of Grand Lodge regarding regalia for the representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada near the Grand Lodge of Ireland have been carried out, a suit of P. G. Senior Warden's regalia having been forwarded to that R. W. Brother, the expense of which has been defrayed from Grand Lodge Fund.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, seconded by R. W. Bro. John H. Graham, and

RESOLVED,—That the foregoing report on Audit and Finance be received.

M. W. Bro. A. Bernard gave notice that on to-morrow he would move that the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at Montreal, and that in future the Annual Communications of Grand Lodge be held alternately in the cities of Montreal and Toronto.

R. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson submitted, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, the following Semi-Annual Report on

AUDIT AND FINANCE.

The Board of General Purposes, having examined the financial statements of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary for the half-year ending 30th June, 1868, and having compared them with the vouchers, beg to report the same to be correct.

The receipts of the half-year, as per Grand Secretary's Books, amounted to \$4,514.55, as follows :

Certificates	\$1,363 00
Dues.....	2,031 95
Fees	751 00
Dispensations	203 00
Warrants.....	30 00
Constitutions	112 40
Proceedings	23 20
Total.....	<u>\$4,514 55</u>

By the statement of the Grand Treasurer, the following appears to be the position of Grand Lodge funds on the 30th June, viz :

General Fund account.....	\$18,359 15
Benevolent Fund investment account	8,625 14
“ “ current account.....	543 25
	<u>\$27,527 54</u>
Asylum Fund.....	537 36
	<u>\$28,064 90</u>

These funds are invested as follows :

Gore Bank, Simcoe, on call, at 4 per ct...	\$ 2,464 90
Middlesex County Debentures, bearing	
6 per ct.....	1,600 00
Provincial Debentures, bearing 7 per ct...	16,000 00
Dominion Stock, bearing 6 per ct.....	8,000 00
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	\$28,064 90

The Board would call attention to the fact, that the 7 per cent. Provincial Debentures expire on the 1st September, and that some other investment of Grand Lodge funds will have to be made. They recommend that the amount now invested in those Debentures be at once invested in Dominion Stock, and that hereafter all investments of Grand Lodge funds be made in such stock exclusively.

The Board having examined the following accounts, have directed them to be paid :

W. C. Chewett & Co., for printing certificates,	
etc.....	\$332 40
T. & R. White, printing, etc.....	90 75
Wm. Brown & Co., stationery.....	9 95
Mrs. Geo. Smith, cleaning and repairing	
Grand Lodge regalia.....	5 00
Richard Haigh, binding.....	42 50
Grand Secretary, expenses attending the	
Board at Brockville	31 40
Grand Secretary, expenses at an Especial	
Communication at Port Dalhousie.....	4 00
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	\$516 00

The Board have received another application from Alexandra Lodge, No. 158, at Oil Springs, asking for a loan towards the completion of a building for which a contract had been entered into. The Board, while sympathising with Alexandra Lodge, feel that they cannot recommend a departure from the decision arrived at by Grand Lodge at the last Annual Communication.

REPORT ON BENEVOLENCE.

The Board of General Purposes having carefully considered all the applications for relief laid before them, beg to recommend that the sums affixed to the names of the following applicants, respectively, be appropriated from the Fund of Benevolence, viz :

Mrs. B., Cobourg, through R. W. Bro. Weller.....	\$20 00
Mrs. P., Conway, through W. Bro. Smith.....	25 00
Mrs. P., Simeoe, through W. Bro. Clarke.....	50 00
Bro. C.'s orphan children, through M. W. Bro. Bernard.	100 00
Mrs. W., Whitby, through R. W. Bro. McCabe.....	50 00
Mrs. D., Peterboro', through R. W. Bro. Clementi.....	20 00
Mrs. N., Richmond, through R. W. Bro. Graham.....	40 00
Mrs. F., Melbourne, through R. W. Bro. Graham.....	40 00
Bro. W. E., Stanbridge, through R. W. Bro. Graham...	25 00
Mrs. A., Ingersoll, through W. M. King Hiram Lodge, No. 37.....	50 00
Bro. W. S., Altona, through W. Bro. Bowman, Richard- son Lodge, No. 136.....	60 00
Mrs. W., Grimsby, through W. Bro. Kemp, Union Lodge, No. 7.....	20 00
Bro. C. B., Plattsville, through W. M. Plattsville Lodge	20 00
Mrs. D., London, through R. W. Bro. Westlake.....	40 00
Mrs. S., Galt, through R. W. Bro. Klotz.....	20 00
Bro. W., (to be paid in monthly instalments) through W. M. Oxford Lodge, No. 76.....	50 00
Mrs. K., Windsor, through W. M. Great Western Lodge, No. 47.....	40 00
Mrs. F., Guelph, through W. M. Speed Lodge, No. 180.	20 00
Mrs. McK., St. Catharines, through R. W. Bro. Seymour	20 00
Mrs. P., Cobourg, through R. W. Bro. Weller.....	20 00
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	\$730 00

The Board venture once more to draw attention to the great inconvenience occasioned by the neglect to comply with the regulation that "all applications for relief be for-

warded in writing to the Grand Secretary previously to the meetings of the Board."

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board.

A. A. STEVENSON,

Pres. B. G. P.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, seconded by R. W. Bro. James Seymour, that the foregoing report be received.

R. W. Bro. James Seymour gave notice that on to-morrow he will move that the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at St. Catharines.

R. W. Bro. Æmilius Irving gave notice that, at the next annual meeting of this Grand Lodge, he will propose alterations in the Book of Constitution relating to the Board of General Purposes, with the object of securing a more general representation of the members of Grand Lodge on the said Board; and to that end, will move for the amendment of the first, third and fourth articles relating to the Board of General Purposes, providing for the number, qualifications, mode of selection and appointment of the members thereof.

R. W. Bro. Æ. Irving gave notice that, at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, he will move that that portion of the Huron District within the County of Huron, which, since the formation of the masonic Districts, has been declared by statute to form part of the County of Middlesex, shall hereafter form part of the London District, and shall be within the jurisdiction of the D. D. G. Master thereof.

W. Bro. Gemmell gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will move that the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at the City of Ottawa.

W. Bro. E. C. Barber submitted the following notice of motion: That it be an instruction to the Board of General

Purposes to report forthwith to this Grand Lodge, whether the duties to be performed by the Grand Secretary are not of such a nature as to require the services of a paid assistant in his office, or whether the addition of £100 to the salary now received by him would enable him to procure such assistance as may be found necessary.

The hour having arrived for the exemplification of the ritual, R. W. Brother William McCabe, acting W. M., V. W. Bro. John King, P. M., W. Bro. R. T. Wilkinson, S. W., V. W. Bro. H. Robertson, J. W., W. Bro. J. P. Campbell, S. D., W. Bro. Dr. Patterson, J. D., V. W. Bro. D. Spry, I. G., and W. Bro. J. Boyd, Steward, proceeded with the ceremony of opening and the closing in the first, second, and third Degrees. The exemplification was most attentively listened to, and was well performed, evincing much care in its preparation.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 1 o'clock, to meet again at 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 3 o'clock, P. M.

PRESENT :

R. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, as Grand Master.

Grand Officers, Members, and Representatives.

V. W. Bro. Thomas White, jun., chairman of the Committee, submitted and partially read the following report on foreign relations.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Francis Westlake, seconded by R. W. Bro. L. H. Henderson, and

RESOLVED,—That the report on Foreign Correspondence be now considered read, and the same be printed with the published proceedings of this Annual Communication; and that the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered, to V. W. Bro. White for the same.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada :

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence

Beg to report :

The Committee have received reports of the proceedings of thirty-six sister Grand Lodges, which they have examined with some care, and from which they are glad to be able to report that Freemasonry in all those jurisdictions is progressing, and is diffusing its principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth, throughout the community. The following is the list of the Grand Lodges whose reports have been received by your Committee :

1. Alabama.....for 1867.	19. Minnesota.....for 1867.
2. Arkansas..... " 1867.	20. Michigan " 1868.
3. California " 1867.	21. Massachusetts ... " 1867.
4. Colorado " 1867.	22. Nevada..... " 1867.
5. Connecticut " 1867.	23. New Hampshire. " 1867.
6. Columbia " 1867.	24. North Carolina... " 1867.
7. Delaware " 1867.	25. New Jersey " 1868.
8. Illinois " 1867.	26. New York " 1867.
9. Indiana..... " 1867.	27. Nebraska " 1867.
10. Iowa " 1867.	28. New Brunswick.. " 1868.
11. Idaho..... " 1867.	29. Ohio " 1867.
12. Kansas " 1867.	30. Oregon " 1867.
13. Kentucky..... " 1867.	31. Rhode Island.... " 1867.
14. Louisiana " 1867.	32. South Carolina... " 1867.
15. Maine " 1867.	33. Tennessee..... " 1867.
16. Maryland " 1867.	34. Virginia " 1867.
17. Montana " 1867.	35. West Virginia... " 1867.
18. Missouri " 1867.	36. Washington, Ter- ritory of..... " 1867.

ALABAMA.

The Grand Lodge of Alabama held its Forty-seventh Annual Grand Communication at the Masonic Hall, in the city of Montgomery, commencing Monday, December 2nd, A. D. 1867, A. L. 5867.

M. W. Grand Master Wilson William's address was devoted principally to matters of immediate concern to the jurisdiction,

and to a summary of his decisions on masonic law, which, contrary to the practice in this jurisdiction and in the mother Grand Lodge of England, are with American Freemasons subjected to the revision of Grand Lodge. Among the questions to which he refers is that of the admission of maimed persons to the privileges of Freemasonry, a question which, since the war, has acquired new and painful interest among our neighbors. He had received "several applications for Dispensations to confer the degrees upon those who had unfortunately lost one of their limbs," but he refused to grant them, considering that "the law against the admission of such persons is too well established to need comment." During the year, nine Dispensations for the establishment of new Lodges were granted.

The Grand Secretary, in his report, declares that "ancient Craft Masonry is in an excellent condition in the jurisdiction. The Lodges are assiduously at labor, and the Officers seem anxious to get the true work of the Grand Lodge." The Grand Secretary also reported on "deceased soldiers." In reply to a circular issued by him to the various subordinate Lodges, returns from about one hundred and forty had been received, giving the names of seven hundred and twenty Brethren who had lost their lives in the service of the Confederate army. It is proposed to publish a memorial book, containing the names of each of these Brethren, one copy to be presented to the nearest surviving relative of the deceased. The Grand Lodge seems somewhat alarmed lest it should accumulate a large surplus revenue in hand, and has accordingly adopted a report of the Committee on Finance, fixing the Grand Lodge dues at ten cents instead of fifty cents, to remain so until the surplus fund of the Grand Lodge is exhausted. The surplus fund amounts, according to the report of the same Committee, to \$7,520.58.

The number of Lodges in the State is 339, and the number of Brethren initiated during the year was 755, the number of persons rejected being 258.

No reference is made to Canada in the report on Foreign Correspondence.

The Finance Committee, in a supplemental report on donations received from Masons in other parts of the Union, thus refer to the influence of Freemasonry :

“Just emerging from a long and disastrous civil strife, in which ‘clouds and darkness were around about us’; with the war-echoes and its wail of woe still ringing in our ears, and longing for peace and tranquillity,—we gathered our clans of scattered craftsmen, to comfort those that mourned and give aid to the destitute. We could not give aid to the afflicted, for they ‘mourned those that were not,’ and exhausted our means ere the work of relief was well begun. Thus powerless to succor, the voice of cheer comes to us from northern Brethren: ‘enemies in war—in peace, friends,’ and the ‘hand of charity is extended to a fallen foe.’ They bid us welcome to their hearts, and give of their substance to relieve our necessities.

“We accept with grateful hearts the aid thus tendered; and in these acts of fraternal sympathy, we recognize the influence of that noble tenet of our time-honored Order—‘brotherly love, relief, and truth.’ By it the gulf of strife is bridged over, and we enter a land of peace and harmony, where our feet tread the sacred ‘pavement’ of the Lodge. Would that Masonry were universal! then would all enemies be subdued, and the nations learn war no more. Alas! how striking the contrast between masonic and political re-union.”

M. W. Bro. Geo. D. Norris, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Daniel Sayre, Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS.

The Grand Lodge of the State of Arkansas held its Twenty-ninth Annual Communication at the Masonic Temple, Little Rock city, commencing on Monday, the 4th November, A. L. 5867.

M. W. Bro. E. H. English, Grand Master Mason, delivered a long and, in some respects, interesting address. He commenced by a reference—somewhat too florid, perhaps—to the sun as a masonic symbol, and to light as the great object of masonic research. He referred in terms of just eulogy to the conduct of the Northern Freemasons, who, “whilst extreme partizans among the *profane* have been clamoring for the blood and extermination of the Southern people”
* * “rising above the passions and prejudices engendered

by the late unhappy war, have been sending bread into the South to feed her impoverished and starving families," as illustrative of the influence of Masonry over the passions and prejudices of men. The Masonic College, which, since the commencement of the war, has been idle, has been again re-opened, the buildings having been vacated by the military and handed over to the trustees. This college gives a free education to five youths from each masonic district, of which there are nine in the jurisdiction. The library, mainly the result of free contributions, was destroyed during the war, and an earnest appeal is made by the Grand Master for the establishment of another. The surplus funds of Grand Lodge are devoted to the maintenance of this institution, which ought to, and we hope will, be liberally sustained by the Masons of Arkansas. Dispensations have been granted during the year for opening fourteen new Lodges. Brother English reviews the condition of Masonry in the State since he first became Grand Master, eighteen years ago. At that time, there were but thirty-five subordinate Lodges upon the register of the Grand Lodge; now there are over two hundred. "All over the State, in the towns, villages, and populous communities, these Lodges are located."

The report of the Grand Secretary embodies the returns of a number of Lodges to a circular issued by him, asking that Grand Lodge dues may be paid up. These returns afford painful evidences of the sufferings of our Brethren during the war. The great majority of the Lodges suffered more or less. Some had their Lodge-rooms burned; others, their jewels destroyed; others, again, their warrants taken away. One reports that, amid the destruction of all else, the charter was preserved with great difficulty by an old lady friendly to the cause; while in some cases, the number of Masons has been so reduced that there is not a sufficient number to form a Lodge, and the warrant is accordingly surrendered. In spite of these difficulties, the result of four years of civil war, the Grand Secretary is "gratified to be able to report a decided improvement in the general condition of the Order in this jurisdiction, in such matters as come within the province of his office. A continuance at the same rate until the next

Annual Communication, will leave but little to be done to restore that prosperity in which the jurisdiction rejoiced in times past."

The receipts by Grand Lodge during the year amounted to \$5,121.75, and the expenditures to \$5,073.10, leaving a balance of \$48.65.

A resolution was passed recognizing the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, extending to it the right hand of fellowship, and welcoming it into the family of the Grand Lodges of the world.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Bro. Samuel W. Williams, and extends over about one hundred and twenty-five pages.

M. W. Bro. E. H. English, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. William D. Blocher, Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA.

The Grand Lodge of this State commenced its Eighteenth Annual Communication, at the Masonic Temple, in the city of San Francisco, on the 8th October, A. L. 5867.

One hundred and twenty-eight chartered Lodges were represented by delegates, and a large number of Past Masters were present besides. The meeting, altogether, was a very large and influential one.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Gilbert B. Claiborne, read an address of more than average ability. In it he refers to the position of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, and the dispute between it and the mother Grand Lodge of Virginia. He recommends a full consideration of the resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Virginia on the subject before its subordinates, claiming to have formed a new Grand Lodge, and asking that it shall be recognized in a sovereign capacity. The dispute is more particularly referred to in another part of this report.

Five Dispensations were granted by the Grand Master during the year for opening new Lodges; and among other Dispensations granted by him, were "thirteen to permit the

reception and action upon petitions of rejected applicants within a period of less than twelve months after rejection." This power of Dispensation in such cases, inherent in the Grand Master, is one which, in the interests of Masonry, requires to be exercised with great caution. We are glad to notice by the report of the Grand Secretary that "the petitions for these dispensations were all ordered to be presented by the unanimous vote of the Lodges whence they came," which is the practice followed in this jurisdiction. No such dispensation should ever be granted, except when it is made manifest that the Lodge acted by error or under some misapprehension in rejecting the candidate, and that can only be made apparent by the unanimous request of the members of the Lodge that Dispensation of the Grand Master may issue.

The Grand Master complains of the conduct of a subordinate Lodge in the State of New York, in admitting to membership a resident of the State of California, and denounces the practice of this interference with jurisdictional rights, "a practice unfair and dangerous to the welfare of the fraternity, because it leaves open a door through which persons of ill repute, coming from a country where they are known, may gain admission where nothing is known of them." This caution is certainly well timed; and it is a matter of regret that any Lodge should have so far forgotten what is due to the Craft, and to the rights of Grand Lodges, as to have given occasion for the complaint made in the Grand Master's address.

The Grand Master, in retiring from the Grand East, gives his Brethren some words of admonition which are quite as applicable to Masons in Canada as in California, and we therefore reproduce them :

"Brethren, on the eve of retiring from the most honorable station to which you have elevated me, and in which you have continued to rely upon me so far beyond my merit, I cannot withhold from the Craft expressions of caution for the future, nor fail to point to sources from which danger may come. The test of our human capacity to observe and be governed by the principles we profess, which illustrated themselves during the progress of the war, is giving the fraternity increased popularity. Instances published in columns

of newspapers, where personal comfort to the captive and relief to the wounded soldier was administered through the spirit of our teaching, have had the effect of diverting popular attention towards us ; and it is not unnatural that apprehension should be awakened that all who approach are not inspired by those true and lawful motives, the possession of which we declare to be absolutely essential. While we hail with pleasure the voluntary approach of all good men, we should be at this time especially careful in applying the rules which protect us against the unworthy. I am satisfied that many instances of carelessness occur on the part of members who recommend candidates, in forgetting one of the first injunctions spoken in the east—‘If, in the circle of your acquaintance, you find a person desirous of being initiated into Masonry, be particularly attentive not to recommend him unless you are convinced he will conform to our rules,’ etc. It is not a mere form to recommend a petitioner, as some seem to think ; it is a personal pledge of masonic honor to the Lodge, that in the opinion of those who sign the recommendation, the person recommended possesses the positive qualifications which will contribute to the honor, glory and reputation of the Institution of Freemasonry. It is not the true design to receive unknown or doubtful characters, who penitently promise reformation, with a hope to make them good : that is the mission of Holy Religion, which is high above us in its attributes and promises ; but the true design is to receive and associate all men of positively good character who voluntarily desire to unite with us in promoting our purposes. It is as damaging to our speculative character and practical operations to admit poor material to a knowledge of and participation in our rites, as it is for the operative mason to introduce an imperfect stone in the temple which he rears. A Lodge violates less law when it rejects ten worthy persons, than when it receives one unworthy one.

“More care should be exercised in the examination of strange Brethren and visitors. * * * They should be received kindly but firmly, and if they are not clearly in possession of convincing evidence of their true fellowship, they should be dismissed from our portals. Private examinations by individual members, without authority from the Master, do not, as a matter of right, entitle a member of a Lodge to vouch for a visitor. The Master himself is responsible for the admission of all visitors within the Lodge which he governs. He specially makes a promise that no visitor shall be received into his Lodge without due examination, and producing proper vouchers of their having been initiated into a regular

Lodge, and it is therefore his right and his duty to discriminate in favor of the most discreet and skilful Brethren as the proper persons to conduct an examination, who, indeed, act as his proxy in such cases."

These are words of wisdom which should be borne in mind by the fraternity, and by every member of it. No greater damage can befall this Institution than a laxity in the admission of candidates for initiation or professed visiting Brethren. Upon another point equally important, and closely allied with the former of those already alluded to, Grand Master Claiborne is very forcible. Referring to the sanctity of the ballot, he deprecates the discussions which sometimes occur on the rejection of a candidate, as tending only to evil, and as an attack upon the motive of the Lodge which has refused to receive him. And he points out, what is too apt to be forgotten, that when the Master announces the result of the ballot, "it is the action of the Lodge, and by fiction of custom, every member may be said to have cast the ballot, which should be considered unanimous. Discussion then is unlawful; it is productive of discord, and is a canvas of the integrity of individual action which is guaranteed by the solemnity which surrounds the occasion."

From the report of the Grand Secretary, we are glad to perceive that the Grand Lodge is building up a very fine collection of masonic works. No less than forty-two separate works were added to the library during the year, some of them extending to five and six volumes. The proceedings of Grand Masonic Bodies are also bound uniformly, for preservation, three or four years being bound in one volume. The money expended in thus building up a central masonic library for the jurisdiction, is money well spent. With the proceedings bound during the year, the entire addition to the library has been ninety-two volumes, making the entire number of volumes on the shelves of the Grand Secretary's office, four hundred and sixty-seven.

The Grand Secretary acknowledges receipts during the year amounting in the aggregate to \$16,445.35. He is gratified to state "that no Lodge in the jurisdiction was in

arrears for dues at the date of closing the foregoing financial report, and that the returns of every Lodge for the present year have been received—a showing most creditable to the Lodges of California, and which few, if any, of the Grand Lodges of the Union have heretofore been able to present.”

The Treasurer's report, unfortunately, exhibits a balance on the round side of the account. While the receipts for the year amounted to \$16,445.35, the expenditures reached \$17,223.01, the balance in the hands of the Treasurer being reduced from \$2,838.35 in 1866, to \$2,060.69 in 1867. The Treasurer attributes this to a number of unforeseen and unusual expenditures, among them being the sum of \$1,573.55 paid to the Masonic Board of Relief of the city of San Francisco. Among the ordinary expenses, we notice the large sum of \$4,094.50, paid to representatives of Lodges for travelling expenses to and from the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge in 1866.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Bro. Lawrence C. Owen, and extends over fifty-six pages of closely-printed matter. It reviews the proceedings of thirty-seven Grand Lodges, our own among the number, and is characterized by a very great deal of practical good sense.

From the report of the Masonic Board of Relief of the city of San Francisco, we learn that the receipts during the year amounted to \$9,230.00, of which the Grand Lodge contributed \$1,573.55. The disbursements on account of charities amounted to \$6,104.66. Ninety-three cases of relief were met, of which only twenty-two were residents of California, thus exhibiting in a striking manner the universality of masonic benevolence. Attached to the report is a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Board during the twelve years of its existence. The receipts amounted to \$61,096.76, and the expenditures to \$59,755.37. The Board, in a subsequent report, make a number of recommendations; among them, one that each Mason in the jurisdiction be required to contribute 10 cents monthly to the funds of the Board; and another, that any surplus remaining in the hands

of the Board on the 1st November in each year be invested, with a view eventually of procuring a home for disabled, indigent Masons, their widows and orphans. This report was ordered to be printed with the proceedings, and to be considered at the next meeting of Grand Lodge.

There are 152 subordinate Lodges in the jurisdiction, with a membership of 7,568.

M.W. Bro. Wm. Abraham Davies was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Alexander Gurdon Abell, Grand Secretary, for the ensuing year.

COLORADO.

The Grand Lodge of Colorado met in Annual Communication at the Masonic Hall, Denver, on the 7th October, A. L. 5867.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Chase Withrow, delivered a short address, which is principally taken up with his own official acts during the year. He says :

“Many things denote the prosperity of the Institution. I am afraid it is becoming too popular for its own prosperity. Petitions for new Lodges in places which have just sprung up, or that have received a fresh start from some sudden freak of fortune, are frequently presented. Those presented to me I have almost invariably refused, thinking a little delay in the matter could work no possible harm to them, and might be best for the Institution.

“Popularity and prosperity are not synonymous terms. When so much work is done in such haste, some of it must be badly done.”

But one dispensation for opening a new Lodge was granted during the year.

The Grand Master does not appear to have a very exalted opinion of his subordinates. He complains that “Masonry is getting to be too much of a machine ; it is treated as though it consisted merely of forms and ceremonies,” and urges that

“Something ought to be done to attract to the Lodge Brethren who can instruct us. We have such men in the Order who would be glad to devote a small part of their time to imparting instruction upon masonic subjects which are

never thought of by a large part of our Masons. The object seems to be only to have the name of a Mason—not to learn and know what Masonry is, what it teaches, and what it makes a man. The principles we profess, if correctly understood and zealously practised, will make us better men, break off our vices and superfluities, and leave us ‘better fitted for that spiritual building, that house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.’ ”

The Grand Secretary’s report states that the receipts for the past year amounted to \$718.25. And by the Grand Treasurer’s report, it appears that the expenditures amounted to \$485.50 ; the cash in hand amounting to \$689.95.

There are eleven warranted Lodges in the jurisdiction, and two under dispensation. The number of Masons is 582, an increase of 97 during the year.

M. W. Bro. Henry M. Teller was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Ed. C. Parmelee, Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT.

The Seventy-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut met in the city of Hartford, on the 8th May, A. L. 5867.

The address of the Grand Master is chiefly of local interest. It is to be regretted that the best of feeling does not appear to exist between this Grand Body and that of New York, on account of alleged interference with the jurisdictional rights of the former by the latter. There is a good deal of bitterness in the reference of the Grand Master to this dispute. Two dispensations for the formation of new Lodges were granted during the year; and the Grand Master recommends that new Lodges be erected in some of the larger cities, where the existing Lodges are becoming unwieldy on account of their great numbers. The decease of two Brethren is announced ; one of them, Bro. Henry Peck, formerly occupied the position of Grand Master, and the other, Brother John Buckingham, an old Mason of fifty-nine years standing.

There is also a report from the Deputy Grand Master, giving an account of his official acts during the year, as also one from the Grand Lecturer.

A committee, appointed at the previous session of the Grand Lodge, on a communication from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, made a somewhat elaborate report, refusing to acknowledge the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, on the ground that it was the offspring of "secession and revolution," and established "in contravention of the long-established and universally-acknowledged principle, that no more than one governing authority can be recognized as occupying the same territory." The Committee, and the Grand Lodge in accepting their report, appear to have overlooked the fact that Nova Scotia has for years been occupied by three distinct governing authorities, and was, in fact, in the strict masonic sense of the term, "unoccupied territory" until the local Grand Lodge was established.

Deputy Grand Lecturers were appointed for each District, at the recommendation of the Grand Lecturer.

The Grand Secretary reports \$1,783.50 received as dues from subordinate Lodges during the year. There is no report from the Grand Treasurer.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence present a somewhat voluminous report, noticing the proceedings of forty-one Grand Lodges, the Grand Lodge of Canada included.

There are in this jurisdiction 99 subordinate Lodges under warrant, and one under dispensation. The total number of members is 10,629, the number initiated during the year being 860.

M. W. Bro. Wm. Storer was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Joseph K. Wheeler, Grand Secretary.

D. OF COLUMBIA.

The Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia held its Semi-annual Communication on the 7th May, A. L. 5868, at the city of Washington.

The proceedings are of purely local interest.

A number of special meetings of the Grand Lodge were held during the summer, for the purpose chiefly of assisting

in laying the corner stones of public buildings, among others of the new Masonic Hall in the city of Washington.

The Annual Communication was held on the 5th November.

The Grand Master, in his address, referred in feeling and eloquent terms to the death of the late Grand Master, Bro. George C. Whiting, who presided at the semi-annual meeting in May; and resolutions of sorrow at the death of the Grand Master, and of condolence with his widow and children, were, on the report of a special committee, adopted.

A communication was read from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, complaining that it is the practice of some of the subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodges of New York and Washington, D. C., to confer the degrees of Masonry upon persons under the jurisdiction of other Grand Lodges, and declaring such conduct to be "unmasonic, unjust, and contrary to the spirit and teachings of our Order."

No action was taken upon the communication at that session, but an amendment to the Constitution to declare that "Every Lodge is prohibited from initiating, passing, or raising any one not a citizen of this District, without first having received the consent of the Lodge nearest his place of residence, under seal."

M.W.Bro. B. B. French, who, 21 years ago, was elected Grand Master Mason of the District of Columbia, and held the office for six consecutive years, was again elected to the Grand East. On the 27th December, a special installation Communication was held. The Grand Master, in his address, refers at length to the question of jurisdiction raised by the Grand Lodge of Oregon, and comes to the conclusion "that no Lodge can extend its geographical jurisdiction beyond the territorial limits of its own Grand Lodge," a view which would appear to require but little argument to arrive at. He also refers to the importance of great care being exercised in admitting members to the Craft. He says:

"It is very easy to make a man a Mason—sometimes, I fear, too easy; but when he once becomes a member of the

Craft, it is by no means so easy a matter to get rid of him. The bad man who gets amongst us (and bad men *do* get into all human societies) has a thousand ways to annoy his Brethren without subjecting himself to masonic discipline. He may become a thorn that cannot be extricated in the side of many a worthy Brother, and therefore the infliction must be borne with all possible patience. But if, at length, some overt act renders him amenable to discipline, and expulsion follows, has the Craft got rid of him? By no means. When the devil has once entered into a human being, he likes the treatment so well that no ordinary process of ejection will dispossess him; and perhaps the next thing you will learn of the delinquent is, that he is exercising his calling of rascality in some far off place under the garb of Freemasonry; for although you may deprive him of his standing, you *cannot* deprive him of his knowledge, and he will swear falsely as long as the Evil One is his prompter, and the good things of this world are his object."

There are but 20 Lodges in the jurisdiction, with a membership of 2,288. The receipts of Grand Lodge during the year were \$4,098.50; the expenditures, \$4,086.04; and the balance in hands of Treasurer, \$1,836.72. The amount disbursed by the various Lodges in charity during the year was \$4,501.73.

M. W. Bro. B. B. French was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. N. D. Larner re-elected Grand Secretary.

DELAWARE.

The Sixty-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Delaware was held in the city of Wilmington, on the 27th June, A. L. 5867.

The address of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. D. McClintock, treats mainly of matters of purely local interest. He refers to the importance of a revision of the work, with a view to the adoption of greater uniformity; and he complains that through the carelessness of former Grand Secretaries, the records of the Grand Lodge have been very much mutilated, papers of great value having been used by the Tyler to kindle fires. By the industry and tact of the present Grand Secretary, such records as remain have been carefully

arranged, and the loss of others partially replaced. The Grand Lodge appears to have been peculiarly unfortunate in its former Grand Secretaries, the Committee on Finance being unable to present a balance sheet, because of their unwillingness to afford information; while it is known that they hold large sums of money unaccounted for.

There are twenty-one warranted Lodges in the State, and three U. D., with a total membership of 868. During the year, 97 candidates were initiated.

M. W. Bro. D. McClintock was re-elected Grand Master, and R. W. J. P. Allmond re-elected Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS.

The Grand Lodge of this State met in Annual Grand Communication at Springfield, on Tuesday, the 1st October, A. L. 5867.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Jerome R. Gorin, delivered an interesting address. During the year he issued the large number of 57 dispensations to form and open new Lodges. The address recounts a number of official acts on the part of the Grand Master, gives a record of deaths of worthy Masons during the year, and refers in congratulatory terms to the number of Masonic Halls which have, during the year, been erected in the State. On a number of subjects, the address is replete with practical good sense and sound advice. "The use of masonic emblems for the purpose of advertising or attracting business, for show or excessive ornament," is pronounced to be a great evil, and is strongly and most justly condemned. "The entire secrecy and complete irresponsibility of the ballot" is strongly insisted upon. "The rejection of a candidate, when declared, is to be received in silence by every Brother, no matter how unpleasant; for if any one states how he voted, he violates the secrecy of the ballot, and thereby violates his obligation. The more shields there are thrown around the ballot, which is the great safety-valve of Masonry, the better." The invasion of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge by other Grand Lodges, in the way already alluded to in this report, is referred to in very decided terms:

"Great complaints have been made that one or more of our Grand Lodges have invaded or trespassed upon other jurisdictions, in making Masons of persons not living in the jurisdiction where they were initiated. The Grand Lodge of Illinois has long since placed itself right upon the record; and I recommend that you make a regulation declaring that all persons, properly residents of Illinois, who shall be initiated in any other Grand Lodge jurisdiction without proper consent, shall be regarded as clandestine, and that non-intercourse be declared between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge where so grievous and so manifestly an unlawful offence shall be committed, until proper apology and redress is made."

Gift enterprises, "under the plea of benefit to masonic charities," are so numerous, the Brethren are cautioned against them. The Grand Master expresses the hope "that swindlers and mercenaries who impose upon the credulity and charitable feelings of our craftsmen, under the specious pretext of a laudable charity, may be brought to just punishment," a hope in which your committee most heartily join. The appointment of District Deputy Grand Masters is recommended as an experiment, "to relieve the Grand Master, to make the work uniform, and secure a fair administration of our masonic law."

During the year, the Grand Secretary received for dues from subordinate Lodges the sum of \$19,873.00; from dispensation fees, \$1,150.00; and from charter fees, \$441.00.

The Committee on Correspondence made a special report on Rebold's "History of Freemasonry." The Committee commend the work, so far as it is simply historical, as "of importance, and highly interesting to the student of masonic history;" but its general principles are condemned in the strongest terms:

"The tendency of the book, in our opinion, is to fortify atheism and overthrow all respect for religion as taught by Hebrew or Christian; to wholly sap the foundation of all masonic virtue, by destroying a belief in the divine sanctions upon which it is built. If Masonry has no other foundation than this book would allow, the jewels may as well be cast among the rubbish, and the Lodges closed in confusion and despair."

From such extracts from the work as we have been able to peruse, and the general tone of the American Press on it, we are inclined to think this criticism is a just one.

A report on a Grand Lodge Hall was submitted, recommending that the sum of \$100,000 be raised for that purpose by an assessment of \$5.00 for each candidate initiated, which the Lodges would be authorized to charge in addition to the ordinary fee, and \$1.00 per member from the Lodges, besides ordinary Grand Lodge dues, these moneys to be invested until the requisite sum is realized. The matter was referred until the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

There are 512 Lodges in the jurisdiction, having a membership of 25,602.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence review the proceedings of 37 Grand Lodges, that of Canada among the number, from which a long extract from the address of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Simpson, is given. The report extends to seventy-five pages of closely-printed matter.

M. W. Bro. Jerome R. Gorin was re-elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. H. G. Reynolds, Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

The Grand Lodge of Indiana met in Annual Communication in the city of Indianapolis, on the 28th May, A. L. 5867.

This being the 50th anniversary of the Grand Lodge, the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Harvey G. Hazelrigg, in his address, enters into a retrospect of the history of Masonry in the State. The Grand Lodge was formed fifty years before by the representatives of six chartered Lodges and three under dispensation. Four Brethren who took part in that meeting are still alive, and are to-day active Masons. The number of Lodges had increased to thirty odd Lodges in 1828, when the anti-masonic crusade broke out; and so virulent was it, that in 1834 the Grand Lodge met with the presence of representatives of but three Lodges and one under dispensation. The crusade had reached its greatest force at that time, and Masonry slowly but steadily revived until

1844, when the Grand Lodge was composed of seventeen chartered Lodges and ten under dispensation. Since that time, the progress of the Institution has been very marked, almost too marked, for the Grand Lodge has now under its jurisdiction, 334 Lodges under charter and 28 under dispensation, with a membership of nearly 20,000.

Grand Master Hazelrigg, like other Grand Masters, also discusses the question which appears to excite so much interest among our American members, that is, the right of Lodges in one Grand Lodge jurisdiction to initiate or confer the degrees upon profanes, residents of another jurisdiction. He emphatically denies this right, taking the ground that Grand Lodges "must not only have and exercise jurisdiction over the members within their limits, but also the materials out of which members are to be made when these materials apply for admission." These remarks are made with special reference to the District of Columbia, the late Grand Master, Bro. Whiting, having held very strongly the opposite doctrine. The recently-elected Grand Master, however, Bro. French, having reversed his own previously expressed opinions and those of Bro. Whiting, it is probable that this difficulty, which was a source of some little heartburnings, is now removed. The address of Grand Master Hazelrigg is the most elaborate and painstaking of any that have come under our review.

The receipts of the Grand Lodge during the year amounted to \$21,383.14, and the expenditures to \$16,364.95.

The business of Grand Lodge was of purely local interest.

M. W. Bro. H. G. Hazelrigg was re-elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. W. Haeker, Grand Secretary.

IOWA.

The Grand Lodge of the State of Iowa met at Davenport, on Tuesday, June 4th, A. L. 5867.

The address of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Campbell R. Peck, was an exceedingly able document, dealing mainly with subjects of local interest. During the year, dispensations

were granted for 26 new Lodges, a larger number than has been granted during any preceding year. Referring to this increase, the Grand Master says: "It may seem to you, from whom I received my authority, that the growth has been too rapid, and that the dispensations have been granted with too liberal a hand; but I would state that in each case, before issuing them, I have placed myself in correspondence with the W. M. of the Lodge recommending them, or with some other Brother in whose ability to give the desired information I had the fullest confidence, and have never granted them until fully satisfied that the good of the Craft would be promoted thereby. Since their issuance, I have been in more or less frequent correspondence with most of them, and am gratified at being able to state that their prosperity indicates the necessity for them and justifies my action in the premises." A new question, that of chartering Negro Lodges, which has excited considerable interest of late among our American Brethren, is specially referred to. Several petitions were presented to the Grand Master, asking dispensations for such Lodges; but in each case, the prayer of the petition was refused, the Grand Master stating that he was not permitted to recognize them as Masons, but must regard them as "clandestine." He remarked, however, in his address, as follows:

"In consideration of the new position in which they have been placed, and the recognition of the constitutional declaration now being forced upon us as a nation, that 'all men are created free and equal,' does it not become us, as Masons, to weigh well our relation and duty towards them as members of the same order? Heretofore they have very seldom been persons who have had any 'trade, estate, office, occupation, or visible way of acquiring an honest livelihood, and working in his craft, as becomes the members of this ancient and most honorable fraternity, who ought not only to earn what is sufficient for themselves and families, but likewise something to spare for works of charity, and for supporting the ancient grandeur and dignity of the Royal Craft, eating no man's bread for nought.' Now all this is being changed, and their new relations as freemen, and the educational facilities afforded them, are elevating them from their illiterate and debased condition.

"It is a *difficult* and *unpopular* question, but shall we, as masonic representatives of a State that stood first and foremost in the defence of our Government and its flag that 'bears the stripes and stars,' shrink from the consideration of it? The time is within the recollection of all of us, when it was suicide, both professional and social, for a man to openly condemn slavery. The consideration of *this* important question now staring us in the face, may, at the *present time*, subject us, as Masons, to derision and abuse; but shall we, on this account, hesitate to grapple with it?"

Appended to the Grand Master's address is a list of official decisions given by him on questions of masonic jurisdiction and practice. They are interesting, but owing to the different principles obtaining in the United States in relation to membership, possess little value in this jurisdiction.

A resolution to refer that part of the Grand Master's address referring to the recognition of Negro Lodges to a Special Committee, was laid on the table, the Grand Lodge thus refusing to take any action on the question. The general Committee on the address dissented from the opinion of the Grand Master, declaring that the ancient constitution, requiring a candidate for Masonry to be "free born, and of good report," as sufficient in itself to prevent the adoption of his suggestions.

There are 213 chartered Lodges in the State, and 5 under dispensations, with a membership of 8,468. During the year, 1,381 candidates were initiated.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which extends over 156 pages of closely-printed matter, is a very able document, reviewing the proceedings of thirty-eight Grand Lodges. Canada comes in for three full pages of this report, nearly a page being devoted to a verbal criticism of the Grand Master's address, and nearly another page to an attack upon our Board of General Purposes. Bro. Guilbert is undoubtedly a very able man, but he has hardly understood correctly the functions of the Board, which in no way interferes with the right of any member to bring up any question he may deem important in Grand Lodge. "The theory of equality on which Masonry is based" is in no way

interfered with by it; but the business of Grand Lodge is greatly promoted, and from its reports the Craft is kept better informed than are our Brethren in Iowa, from the proceedings of whose Grand Lodge a clear understanding of the financial position of the Body is almost impossible.

M. W. Bro. Reuben Mickel was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Theodore Sutton Parvin, re-elected Grand Secretary.

IDAHO.

We have, for the first time, the proceedings of a new Grand Lodge, added to the already too large family of Grand Lodges among our neighbors. The Convention for the organization of the Grand Lodge was held in Idaho City, on the 16th December, A. L. 5868. There were twenty-one Representatives, from only four chartered Lodges, present, and of one Lodge U. D. The Convention having declared the expediency of forming a Grand Lodge, M. W. Bro. Geo. H. Coe was elected Grand Master, and Bro. P. E. Edmondson Grand Secretary. Among the resolutions adopted was one which will be considered rather bold by some of our Eastern Grand Lodges, to the following effect: "That one ballot, on a petition to be made a Mason—if clear—entitles the applicant to the three Degrees of Symbolic Masonry: *Provided* he may be arrested in his Degrees for unmasonic conduct." The Grand Lodge is unquestionably right in its view on this question; but we shall look with interest to the opinions which may be expressed upon it, by its sister Grand Lodges in the Union.

KANSAS.

The M. W. the Grand Lodge of Kansas commenced its annual Grand Communication in the City of Leavenworth, on Tuesday, Oct. 15th, A. L. 5867.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. M. S. Adams, in his address, congratulates the Grand Lodge that "During the past year nothing has occurred in this jurisdiction to mar the general harmony that ought always to prevail in the great Masonic Fraternity." He refers to the importance of securing uniformity in the work, and recommends the division of the

jurisdiction into four districts, to be presided over by four Custodians, whose duty it should be to visit every Lodge in the District, and instruct the Brethren in the work determined upon by the Grand Lodge. Dispensations were granted, during the year, for the formation of sixteen new Lodges, which "have generally been entrusted to skilful workmen." The Grand Master reports some differences with other Grand Lodges in relation to jurisdictional rights, and recommends, as a remedy for all difficulties of this kind, "that every Grand Lodge in the United States adopt a regulation, making it incompetent for any subordinate Lodge in its jurisdiction knowingly to receive and act upon the petition, or confer the degrees of Masonry, upon any candidate who had been previously rejected by any Lodge in the United States, without first receiving the consent of the Lodge so rejecting the candidate. This rule, if universal, would have a most salutary effect upon the Craft, and would go very far towards excluding improper persons from our Order."

The death of Past Grand Master Jacob Saqui is announced in appropriate terms, and his eminent services to the Grand Lodge of Kansas feelingly acknowledged. The Grand Master states that he has received numerous applications for dispensations to grant the degrees and to do work contrary to the general regulations of the Grand Lodge. Among the applications were many asking permission to initiate candidates with physical disqualifications. We are sorry to learn that "in some jurisdictions this rule has been fearfully relaxed, and to such an extent, in some instances, that candidates having such deformities or infirmities as prevent them from assuming the proper positions to receive the degrees, have, nevertheless, in some way been made Masons, notwithstanding the ancient rules on that subject." And the extent to which this spirit of laxness prevails may be inferred from the fact that the Grand Master had just received a communication from a chartered Lodge, "informing him that they had elected a certain man to receive the degrees of Masonry in the Lodge, who had an anchylosed knee-joint, and asking for a dispensation, that in initiating, passing, and raising the

candidate, the usage of the Order might be waived, in so far as it relates to positions which the candidate is unable to assume, on account of the aforesaid physical defects." The Grand Master very properly refused the application, and he urged upon Grand Lodge to "pass a resolution, making it imperative on the subordinate Lodges of this jurisdiction to observe the ancient rule, in all its strictness, rather than allow such innovations as that contemplated by the Lodge just referred to."

The recommendations of the Grand Master were all adopted.

From the report of the Grand Secretary, we learn that the amount received by him from subordinate Lodges during the year was \$1,314.50, and that there was still due the sum of \$63.00. The expenditures for the year, according to the Treasurer's account, was \$1,132.28; and the balance in hand, to be carried to next year's account, was \$237.76.

There are sixty-two Lodges in the jurisdiction, with a membership of 2,042. During the year, 423 candidates were initiated.

M. W. Bro. M. S. Adams was re-elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. E. T. Carr, Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY.

The Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky was held at the city of Louisville, on Monday, 21st October, A. L. 5867, there being nearly three hundred representatives present.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. I. T. Martin, in his address, said the year had been one of unexampled activity among the Craft, and that their numbers had been added to "with fearful rapidity." And he remarked upon this rapid increase with a conciseness and good sense worthy of all emulation. "We have been led to look with alarm upon this rapid increase. This is not a democracy; not intended for the million; but for a select body of *men*, gathered up from the masses because of their high moral worth and integrity of character. *Mén*, among whom all can feel that in each of this band he has a

friend and brother on whom he can lean with the fullest confidence." And he warns the Brethren, therefore, in fitting language, to "guard well the outer door of our mystic temple." The subject of dimitted Masons is dwelt upon, and the extraordinary announcement, we regret to say, made, "that one half of the Masons in Kentucky may be estimated as dimitted, and as drones in the great masonic hive." Reference is made to the action of a number of benevolent Masons in the State, who have been maturing plans for the erection and endowment of homes for the widows and orphans of our Order. The Brethren of Louisville, with commendable zeal, have procured a charter from the Legislature, and have already secured over \$30,000 for the purpose of erecting a masonic home and infirmary. This effort was heartily recommended to the good offices and cordial support of the Freemasons of Kentucky. A strong appeal was made by the Grand Master for assistance to the sufferers of the Southern States. Referring to the responses already made to his appeals, Bro. Martin says: "It shows us the true Mason will hear the cry of distress which misfortune and want wrings from the widow and orphan, regardless of sectional prejudice. It shows us the true Mason who has imbibed the spirit and tendency of Masonry, rises above the passions and prejudices which closed the vision of mankind in general, and enables him to drink from the pure fountain of brotherly love, and to feel that he is drawn to the celestial Lodge above by one of the strongest cords with which God has attached us to His throne." Dispensations were issued during the year for the erection of nineteen new Lodges.

By the report of the Grand Treasurer, we learn that the receipts of Grand Lodge during the year, including a balance on hand at the commencement of the year of \$3,806.26, amounted to \$28,490.28; the expenditures amounted to \$27,833.21, a large portion of which went towards the payment of mileage and per diem allowance of representatives attending the Grand Lodge Communication. The Grand Lodge has no less than \$72,607.07 in invested funds.

An effort was made to divide the Grand Lodge into two

distinct divisions, to be known as the Grand Lodge of Eastern Kentucky and the Grand Lodge of Western Kentucky, respectively. This motion was, we are glad to notice, laid upon the table by a vote of 264 to 46. This disposition towards the multiplication of Grand Lodges is calculated to do a very great deal of harm, and ought, so far is consistent with the recognized principle of State Grand Lodges among our neighbors, to be resisted.

On the subject of unaffiliated Masons, in reference to which considerable interest has been excited, a resolution was adopted, declaring that all "unaffiliated Masons who shall have remained so for a period of twelve months after they dimitt from their respective Lodges, shall be divested of the following rights, viz: the right of masonic burial; the right to walk in masonic processions; and the right to visit any one Lodge more than three times, unless such non-affiliated Masons shall have good and sufficient reasons, of which the Lodges under whose jurisdiction they reside shall determine, (subject to appeal to this Grand Lodge), in which event said Lodges may re-invest them temporarily or permanently at their discretion. All Masons unaffiliated at the adoption of this amendment shall have twelve months in which to affiliate with some Lodge."

There are 469 Lodges in the jurisdiction, with a membership of 14,614. The number of initiations during the year was 2,254.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. J. M. S. McCorkle. It is a carefully-written document, reviewing the proceedings of thirty-six Grand Lodges, our own among the number.

M. W. Bro. Elisha S. Fitch was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. J. M. S. McCorkle, re-elected Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA.

The Fifty-sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana commenced in the city of New Orleans on February 10th, A. L. 5868, M. W. Grand Master Abel J. Newrood presiding. Sixty-four Lodges were represented.

The address of the M. W. the Grand Master is devoted exclusively to a recital of his official acts during the year, and is of purely local interest.

The reports of the D. D. G. M.'s, and of other officers, are satisfactory as showing that Masonry is, considering the peculiar circumstances of the State, progressing. Much suffering, however, exists in the State, and strong appeals to the benevolence of those whom God has in some degree prospered, are made. Bro. Scruggs, D. D. G. M. of the 15th Masonic District, reports thus: "Suffer me, in conclusion, to urge upon you the charitable consideration of the Lodges under my charge. The fact is, however melancholy it may be, that there are two-thirds of the Lodges whose members are totally unable to pay their individual dues. The loss of two consecutive crops has impoverished the entire people, and produced a mournful scene of almost universal desolation. In this hour of distress, how better could they be relieved than in donating their dues?" This, unfortunately, is but a sample of others, so terrible have been the sufferings resulting from war.

By the Grand Treasurer's report, it appears that the receipts of the Grand Lodge for the year amounted to \$49,519.35, and the expenditures to \$40,345.56.

The annual report of Louisiana Relief Lodge, No. 1, is a most interesting document; interesting, as exemplifying the beauties of Freemasonry. We make an extract from it:

"From the very commencement of the past year, we all anticipated a time of great distress and privation, and knew that we should have many calls upon us from those who had been led to regard this city as an El Dorado, and who had come here in search of employment and of wealth, only to find business at a stand-still, labor at a discount, and destitution staring them in the face. To the aid of such as these the Relief Lodge was called upon to a very large and unexampled extent, and its resources heavily taxed early in the year; but when the late awful epidemic commenced its ravages, when those who before endeavored to repel poverty now yielded to fear, and endeavored to use all and every means to enable them to fly from the pestilence, and when many more were stricken with the disease, and deaths among

our stranger brethren became numerous, then, indeed, the full strength of our organization was called into activity, and every dollar of our funds made to play its part in fulfilling its allotted destiny. During the terrible months of September, October, and November, our treasury was frequently exhausted, and the Lodges forming the Relief Lodge themselves heavily afflicted; and their funds being necessarily called upon, they were unable to meet our demands, and our labors would have been greatly impeded, if not interrupted, but for the generous donations of private individuals, and of Lodges not members. To these last we feel deeply indebted, not only for their assistance thus generously extended, but also for their commendation and approval of our labors, which this action on their part demonstrated. The approbation of our brethren is our highest reward, and we trust that our proceedings of the past year will merit much of that approbation which has not yet been expressed; and we earnestly hope that the day is not now far distant when our brethren of the non-contributing Lodges of this city will not only lend us their approbation and assistance, as many of them have done this year, but will also give to us their names and their countenances in our labors, as active members of the Relief Lodge."

There is something touching in the last sentences of this report, with reference to the tomb filled up, and the new one necessary:

"During the late epidemic our tomb was completely filled, and there remain no vaults that can be used. It is indispensably necessary, therefore, that we should proceed to build another tomb upon the ground donated to us in the masonic cemetery; but all our tomb fund, specially set apart for that purpose, has been consumed during the past summer, and we have not even sufficient to lay the foundations. In this extremity, and considering all the facts here presented, we are compelled, for the first time, to ask the assistance of the Grand Lodge; and in doing so, we request an appropriation sufficient to build a new tomb, one which will be an ornament to your new cemetery and a pride to every member of our fraternity, who, in contemplating it, is told, *'It is not for ourselves, but for our stranger brethren.'*"

The receipts of the Lodge amount to \$4,914.42, and the expenditures—on benevolences, almost all to "stranger brethren"—to \$3,398. The Grand Lodge appropriated \$3,000 to Relief Lodge.

By the auditor's report, it appears that the assets of the Grand Lodge amount to \$246,294.66, and the liabilities to \$70,910.67, leaving a balance of \$175,383.99.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was submitted by Bro. James B. Scott. It is a very interesting document, reviewing, in courteous terms, the proceedings of thirty-six Grand Lodges, our own among the number.

M. W. Bro. Henry R. Swasey was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. J. C. Batchelor, re-elected Grand Secretary.

MAINE.

The Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of Maine commenced on the 7th May, A. L. 5867.

The address of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Timothy J. Murray, although mainly devoted to local matters, is a very interesting paper. He refers to the terrible conflagration which took place in Portland on the 4th July, 1866, sweeping over a large portion of it like a "whirlwind, and almost blotting out, as it were, structures of the most substantial kind, as well as those of an ordinary or inferior character. The Masonic Halls, which were to be enlarged, and upon which labor had already been commenced, were totally destroyed with all their contents, except the charters and most of the jewels of the various masonic bodies. The clothing, furniture, records, library, and papers of Grand Lodge, were fortunately in another building, hired the previous year for that purpose; and nearly all its property and documents were removed to a place of safety, where they remained until another room was obtained, and were then removed into it." The Grand Master details at some length the efforts made to relieve the distress which prevailed in consequence of this fire, and acknowledges in fitting terms the generous donations received from other quarters.

Five dispensations have been granted for the formation of new Lodges. The importance of insisting upon suitable Lodge-rooms and regalia as a condition precedent to the formation of new Lodges, is strongly urged. "We have

sufficiently often seen the sad results of organizing new Lodges with tin jewels and corresponding working apparatus, to know that all such Lodges bring no honor to the fraternity, and are of but little benefit to those connected with them." But in this connection, the G. M. refers to the "gratifying fact that quite a number of new and well-furnished Halls have been provided by several of our older Lodges during the past year, and have been appropriately dedicated to Masonry, to virtue, and to universal benevolence."

Bro. Murray notices the advent of a class of persons "who flaunt their masonic banners upon the outer wall; a class of men who make a large exhibition of masonic jewelry, so called, ostentatiously displayed upon their persons and dress." He points out that these men are generally in search of custom, and that all of them are ready to trade with you "upon the square." This practice is not a whit too strongly condemned, when it is pronounced to be "the prostitution of all that is noble and good to vile and mercenary purposes, and will become a lasting stigma upon the fraternity unless rebuked and discontinued." Fortunately, in Canada this practice does not prevail to any very considerable extent, mere mercantile Masonry being, we are glad to know, at a discount. But there is, in some quarters, a growing tendency to over-display of masonic emblems, and the practice cannot be too strongly or too decidedly condemned.

The Grand Treasurer reports the receipts during the year at \$5,466.29, and the disbursements \$5,259.18. He gives an amusing account of his difficulties in making up the accounts, owing to the fact that his books and papers were all destroyed at the Portland fire. He had carefully placed them in a safe, but found it to be anything but a place of safety.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which bears the signatures of all the members, reviews the proceedings of forty-two Grand Lodges. It refers specially, in its concluding remarks, to the controversy now going on in the United States, in relation to the physical disqualifications of candidates for Masonry. It is a curious fact that the authorities on this question are very nearly divided. We

are inclined to think that but for the peculiar circumstances of the country, there would be no such division, and that the heart, rather than the head, prompts to laxity in this respect. That men who, in the nation's hour of great trial, went to the front and bore the brunt of battle, and who have come back bearing with them the evidences of the terrible struggle they have gone through, should have to pay a further penalty for their patriotism by being debarred from the right to enter our sacred portals, seems hard. The rule, however, is a clear one, and can only be relaxed by a violation of an ancient landmark.

There are 139 Lodges in the State, with a membership of 11,491. 1,678 candidates were initiated during the year, and 636 rejected.

M. W. Bro. Timothy J. Murray was re-elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Ira Berry, Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND.

The Grand Lodge of the State of Maryland met in Annual Communication at Baltimore, on the 18th November, A. D. 1867, the M. W. the Grand Master, Bro. John Coates, presiding. The address of the Grand Master is very short, and is confined to a simple record of two or three occurrences, relating mainly to the laying of foundation stones, which occurred during the year. The Brethren of Maryland are erecting a very magnificent Masonic Temple in Baltimore, the foundation stone of which was laid in August last. By the report of the Building Committee, up to 1st November the receipts were \$229,913.94, and the expenditures \$227,763.40. The reports of the Grand Inspectors all point to the healthy and prosperous condition of the Craft throughout the jurisdiction. The receipts of the Grand Lodge were, during the year, \$5,534.79, the expenditures reaching to within \$147.67 of that sum. The Charity Fund of Grand Lodge amounts to \$60,543.92, which is invested in Masonic Temple Stock.

The question of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, one which occupies a good deal of attention among American

Freemasons, appears to have been under discussion, as we find the following resolution adopted :

Resolved,—That any man within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge who resides nearer a subordinate Lodge of this State than a subordinate Lodge of another jurisdiction, and who has received or may receive the degrees of Masonry in a sister jurisdiction during such residence, shall be debarred all the rights and privileges of Freemasonry in this jurisdiction until the disability shall be removed by this Grand Lodge.

There are fifty-seven Lodges in the jurisdiction, having a membership of 4,387.

M. W. Bro. John Coates was re-elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Jacob H. Medairy, Grand Secretary.

MONTANA.

The Third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Montana was opened at Virginia City, on the 7th October, A. L. 5867, seven Lodges being represented by an attendance of twenty-nine Brethren

The Grand Master M. W. Bro. John J. Hull, delivered a short but encouraging address. Speaking of Masonry in the District, he pronounces it to be in the most flourishing condition. "The utmost degree of concord and harmony characterizes the Craft, and the Brethren are united in their efforts to strengthen, perpetuate, and extend our cherished Institution, and diffuse the blessings and privileges to be derived from a firm adherence to its precepts."

A more interesting address was given by Brother N. P. Langford, who bears the somewhat high-sounding title of R. W. Grand Historian, on the history of Masonry in the District. Some of the incidents recorded by Bro. Langford afford striking evidence of the value of Freemasonry, and to the fact that it is indeed a mystic tie, binding together its brotherhood wherever and under whatever circumstances they may meet.

The receipts of the Grand Lodge during the year amounted to \$854.00, and the disbursements to \$450.50. Notwith-

standing, however, the smallness of the receipts, the members vote themselves mileage and per diem allowances.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of R. W. Bro. W. F. Sanders. Canada comes in for what is intended to be a very severe lecture. Admitting that we have apparently failed in the past in the matter of foreign correspondence, and that we still fail and will probably continue to fail in the matter of masonic orations, we still think that for real masonic interest, the proceedings of our Grand Lodge quite equal those of our American cousins. It is an offence to our good Brother Sanders, that we place our Grand Master "on the Throne." Well that is very much a matter of taste, about which we will not quarrel; but we cannot permit our Brother to advise our Grand Master to "give his thrones to the fools to whom, of right, they belong," without telling him that he has permitted his political egotism to cause him, for the moment, to forget what was due to himself as a gentleman and a Freemason.

There are twelve Lodges in the jurisdiction, having a membership of 355. By the way, as our good Brother Sanders is disposed to offer advice in reference to the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada, will he permit us to say that his own proceedings would be greatly improved, if he would take the trouble to add up his statistical tables.

M. W. Bro. Leander W. Frary was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Wilbur F. Sanders, re-elected Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.

The Grand Lodge of Missouri commenced its Forty-seventh Annual Communication at St. Louis on 14th Oct., A. L. 5867, one hundred and six Lodges being represented. The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Rev. John D. Vincil, presided.

The address of the Grand Master is one of the most eloquent that has come under our notice. In reference to the progress of the Craft, he pointed out the wide distinction between mere progress and solid improvement:

"Though the workmen fall, the work still goes on. And

why? Because of the great *inherent* PRINCIPLES that vitalize the Masonic Institution. I speak not of the *progress* of the *work*, which many regard as the only evidence of prosperity and vitality, viz., increase in *numerical* strength. It is the well-settled and profound conviction of my judgment, that, in very many respects, *progress* is not *improvement*. It more fully accords with the elements of our nature to *hurry* along the easy, inviting, broad way, than to *walk* the narrow and more difficult path of healthful restraint and self-denial. The safest and best leaders to guide us to sure and permanent success, are not the progressives, who ever cry 'onward' with no well-defined idea, save a canting latitudinarianism. In the sense in which such define progress, it will be found wiser and better to stand still, or, to use a trite expression, 'Make haste to go slow.' Discarding the check-reins of every moral restraint and consideration of safety, such mud-pool adventurers apply whip and spur; career, jehu-like, madly on; shout themselves hoarse with the *ad captandum* vociferation of progress, as if *advancement* were really *improvement*. Such men, instead of awaiting the results to be wrought out by great principles and all-potent causes, will not stand still and 'see the salvation of God'; but with blind impetuosity, and a fanaticism often mistaken for zeal, without any of the elements of knowledge, would have rushed the Israelites into the sea under the idea of simply *going ahead*. Such men would have dashed into the Jordan in advance of the pioneering ark of truth and safety, or burned strange fire upon the consecrated altar of God, just for the sake of being in advance of others, and exciting the gaping wonder of the shallow-minded, or gratifying the silly vanity of their own novel-worshipping natures. It enters largely into the foolish and noisy rabble-cry of these superficial days, to prate about progress and advancement, instead of grasping the grander and more vitally-important ideas of *development* and *improvement*."

Bro. Vincil is evidently what he says he aspires to be, a *live* Grand Master. The following record of his official proceedings during the year, shows that with him the office is by no means a sinecure:

"In the performance of duty, I have made *sixty* official visits: dedicated *twelve* new Halls to 'Freemasonry, Virtue, and universal Benevolence.' The number of officers installed and addresses delivered in presence of the Craft and citizens of the country, have been very large. I have made *forty* public speeches on the subject of Masonry, in this jurisdiction since my election, before Brethren and citizens amounting to

at least *forty thousand* in the aggregate. I have constituted four Lodges under the charters granted them by this Grand Lodge at its last meeting, besides setting to work, with proper instructions, several Lodges under dispensations granted them this year. The duty has devolved upon me to preside in quite a number of very delicate and important trials during my term of office. Trusting in Him who guides the meek in judgment, and holding firmly the scales of justice in equal poise, I enjoy the satisfaction of having seen the most harmonious results and full concurrence of all the good and law-abiding craftsmen of the Lodges where I presided."

The *District Deputy* system prevails in Missouri, but does not meet the approbation of the Grand Master, who declares it to be little more than nominal, and far short of meeting the necessities calling such a system into being. He suggests, as a substitute, the employing of two thoroughly competent men as overseers of the Craft, who will be paid good salaries and required to devote their entire time to the Craft. And in order to pay these overseers, he recommends that the Grand Lodge meet the salaries at given times, and require the Lodges to pay a certain per cent. to this fund.

The report of the Grand Secretary, Bro. Geo. F. Gouley, makes reference to, and gives a list of, Lodges under dispensation, of which there are no less than forty-eight, a larger number than at any previous period since the formation of the Grand Lodge. The financial report of Grand Secretary shows the receipts of the year to have been \$11,426.82; and by the Treasurer's, the expenditures were \$17,350.11, leaving a balance in his hands of \$5,423.30, against \$11,346.59, the balance at the close of the previous year.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is a very interesting paper, from the pen of Bro. Gouley. Canada, however, finds no place in it.

There are two hundred and forty-six Lodges in the jurisdiction under charter, and seventeen under dispensation.

M. W. Bro. Wm. E. Dunscomb was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. George Frank Gouley, re-elected Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA.

The Grand Lodge of the State of Minnesota met in Fifteenth Annual Communication at St. Paul, on the 22nd October, A. L. 5867, the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. C. W. Nash, presiding.

The address of the Grand Master treats mainly of matters of purely local interest. In reference to the position of Masonry in the jurisdiction, he says :

"The masonic year about to close has been one of unusual prosperity to the Craft, and I am fully persuaded that the Order in this jurisdiction is in a more healthy condition than at any former period of its history. The degrees have been conferred with greater care, and there is increased desire and determination by Officers and Brethren of subordinate Lodges to inquire more particularly into the moral, physical, intellectual, and social qualifications of those seeking admission into our ancient and honorable fraternity. A spirit of enquiry has been awakened in the minds of the Brethren; a truly laudable desire to examine into and become more familiar with the history, philosophy, jurisprudence, and beauty of Freemasonry. It gives me great pleasure to congratulate you that peace, harmony, and kind fraternal feeling, exist within this jurisdiction, and our Brethren are dwelling together in *brotherly love, peace, and unity.*"

The subject of non-affiliated Masons receives notice at the hands of the Grand Master, and he recommends it as a question which should command the attention of a special committee. His suggestion is, that non-affiliated Masons should be required to pay dues to some Lodge in the locality where they reside, or failing this, that "they should be suspended from all the rights and privileges of the Order." The Grand Secretary reports the receipts of the year as \$356.65, and the disbursements at \$50.25; and there was received by him on behalf of the destitution prevailing in the Southern States, the sum of \$2,292.65. The Grand Treasurer's accounts gives the assets of Grand Lodge at \$3,850.21.

A Special Committee, appointed at the previous meeting of Grand Lodge, on the subject of the ninth landmark, relating to the non-admission of maimed or deformed persons, made a report, strongly condemning the laxity which prevails in

some quarters on this subject. They lay down the doctrine that "in Masonry, the physically perfect man is a symbol of that perfect moral and intellectual Temple, whose builder and maker is God;" and they declare that "such being the plain law of Masonry, it is not in the province of any man or body of men to enlarge or abridge its landmarks by construction."

An effort has been made to secure a uniformity of work throughout the jurisdiction; and to this end, it has been divided into three Districts, with a D. D. Grand Master for each. These are to meet, and with the assistance of the Grand Master, to determine upon the work; then to promulgate it in their several Districts, and at the next meeting of Grand Lodge to exemplify it. And for the purpose of communicating it successfully, Lodges of Instruction are authorized to be formed in the different Districts.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by Bro. S. Y. McMasters, and is exceedingly well written. Canada is referred to in kindly terms. The Committee are glad to see in all our proceedings, "the spirit of the English Fathers, and an inflexible devotion to the ancient constitutions." We cordially reciprocate the kindly expressions of our Brethren in the far west, and earnestly pray that their masonic character may bear proportion with their rapid extension. The report concludes as follows:

"Altogether, the prospects of our beloved Order were never more flattering than now. Amid the strife of political factions, and the general upheavals of society, for the last few years, there has come to be a deep and earnest feeling of the need of rest: some quiet sanctuary where escape may be found from the tempests that rage around; and this is causing thousands to throng our gates and seek our altars. We cannot fail to realize the danger in such movements, and the possibility of *dilution* by excessive numbers. Against this danger, however, we hold the key; and if we are only faithful to ourselves and our principles, we have nothing to fear. Moreover, 'Forewarned is forearmed;' and the notes of salutary warning are already heard from every quarter throughout our land.

"Since the anti-Mason commotions, within the recollection

of many of us, we realize that a mighty change has taken place; and of Masonry, it may now truly be said:

'As some tall cliff, that rears its awful form,
Swells from the vale, and midway leaves the storm;
Though round its breast the rolling clouds are spread,
Eternal sunshine settles on its head.'

There are sixty-eight Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota; but the number of members is not given.

M. W. Bro. C. W. Nash was re-elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. W. S. Combs, Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN.

The Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan met in Annual Communication at the city of Detroit, on the second Wednesday in January last. Two hundred and twenty-one Lodges were represented.

The Grand Master's address is largely taken up with a recital of his decisions on points of masonic law and practice during the year. Among our neighbors, these decisions are subject to the revision of Grand Lodge, on the report of a Committee on masonic jurisprudence; and therefore, it is incumbent upon the Grand Master thus to submit them. But apart from this consideration, the publication of these decisions in the proceedings of Grand Lodge answers a good purpose, as a means of information to the Craft when similar cases, or cases involving similar principles, arise. During the year, the Grand Master issued eighteen dispensations for the formation of new Lodges.

Among the suggestions offered by Grand Master Coffinbury, is one relating to the formation of Masonic Life Insurance Associations. He says:

"I have noticed that, in several Grand Jurisdictions, a system of life insurance has been adopted among our Brethren which proves a safe and profitable investment at a small expense. Any Master Mason in good standing may become a member of such corporation by signing the by-laws thereof, and, at the same time, paying six dollars into the treasury. None but Master Masons can become members. The obligations of the individual member are these: He shall keep the

Secretary of the corporation advised of his post-office address, and of every birth and death in his family; and shall pay the sum of one dollar and ten cents into the treasury within thirty days after receiving from the Secretary notice of the death of a member of the corporation. His membership and interest becomes forfeited by a breach of these requirements.

“The benefits of this corporation are, that when a member dies, his widow shall receive within thirty days after the Secretary has received notice of such death, as many dollars as there are members of the corporation. If no widow survive the deceased Brother, his orphans, if he has any; if none, then such other person as the member may have previously designated, shall receive the same sum the widow would have been entitled to.”

He also urges the importance of early steps being taken to collate the materials for a History of Freemasonry in Michigan, and winds up his address with an eloquent exhortation to the practice of virtue and temperance, and a somewhat elaborate discussion of the anti-masonic movement, promoted by a few religious bigots in the United States.

The question of the appointment of District Deputy Grand Masters came up on a report of a committee, and it was decided not to appoint them, upon the ground that the creation of such an office would supersede that of Grand Visitor or Lecturer, and would lead to a diversity of work. Thus while we find the Grand Lodge of one State adopting the district system so as better to secure uniformity, we have another rejecting it because it would render uniformity impossible.

A question came up of some importance in relation to the rights of non-affiliated Masons to bring charges or seek redress for the obligations and duties between a Mason and the Order generally, as contra-distinguished between a Mason and the Lodges of the Order. A majority of the Committee on Masonic Law reported in favor of such right being possessed by the non-affiliated, while a minority reported that a voluntarily non-affiliated Mason has no masonic redress for grievances other than is awarded to profanes. After discussion of the question, the following resolution was adopted as a substitute for the majority and minority reports :

- *Resolved*,—That accusations or charges against members of Lodges, or against subordinate Lodges, cannot be received from non-affiliated Masons, except in case of charges against a member of a Lodge by leave granted by a vote of such Lodge, and in case of charges against a subordinate Lodge, by leave of the Grand Lodge."

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by Bro. James Fenton, the Grand Secretary. Canada has been overlooked in it.

There are two hundred and forty-two Lodges in the jurisdiction under charter, and four under dispensation, having a membership of 16,861. During the year 1867, there were 2,656 initiated, and 606 candidates rejected. The receipts of the Grand Treasurer during the year amounted to \$8,317.56.

M. W. Bro. S. C. Coffinbury was re-elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. James Fenton, Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS.

We have the proceedings of three Quarterly, two Special, and the One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of Massachusetts, this Grand Lodge retaining the old English practice of quarterly meetings.

One of the Special Communications was for the purpose of dedicating the new Masonic Temple in Boston, and was an imposing and deeply-interesting meeting. The President of the United States, Bro. Andrew Johnson, was among the distinguished visitors present, and was received by Grand Lodge in a manner becoming his exalted rank. The ceremony was a most imposing one, the procession marching round to the solemn reading of Holy Writ and the chanting of appropriate music, the Grand Master, as the procession passed a particular point, dedicating the Hall three several times, viz., from the east, the west, the south, in the name of the Great Jehovah to FREEMASONRY, in the name of the holy St. John to VIRTUE, and in the name of the whole fraternity to UNIVERSAL BENEVOLENCE. After the formal dedication within the Temple, a procession was formed, including the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of Massachusetts

and Rhode Island, and subordinate Encampments; the Grand Commanderies of New York, New Hampshire, Maine, Connecticut, and District of Columbia, and subordinate Encampments from each; Royal Arch Chapters and Grand Lodges and subordinate Lodges from various States, the procession including no less than eighteen distinct divisions, and extending about two miles in length. Arrived at the Masonic Hall, a very able "oration" was delivered by Bro. the Rev. William S. Studley, embodying a most interesting history of the Craft, and of its triumphs and reverses. On the question of what Masonry is, the Rev. speaker spoke as follows:

"We do not claim for Masonry anything more or other than it is. We confess it to be inferior to Christianity in its subjective work, as well as in its objective aim; but we insist that it tends to the cultivation of dispositions and habits which are in unison with the aim and teachings of the Christian system. It is promotive of good will, philanthropy, and brotherly kindness. Its members are united to one another by particular obligations, and made acquainted with each other by certain secret signs and tokens. These signs and tokens may be understood at once by those to whom each other's native tongue is altogether unintelligible, and they will ensure substantial sympathy from those who are capable of their interpretation. If that man who makes two blades of grass to grow where but one grew before, may justly be considered a physical benefactor of the race, then that Institution deserves to be esteemed morally beneficent which is capable of promoting the kindest feelings of fraternity among men of different nations, and parties, and sects; and Masonry has this power. Its mysteries have a surprising influence upon the sympathetic qualities of every understanding heart. Its Lodge is a place of social exchange, where the most interesting truths are mingled with the freest fellowship. 'Its laws are reason and equity; its principles are benevolence and love; its religion is purity and truth; its intention is peace on earth, and its disposition is good will toward men.'"

He traced the history of Masonry in Massachusetts since the organization of the first Lodge in 1733, the first established on this continent, and the formation of the first Grand Lodge in 1764, down to the present time. The festivities of the day, probably the most remarkable in the annals of American Freemasonry, were concluded by a grand banquet at Egyptian Hall.

At the Quarterly Communication held on September 11th, A. L. 5867, a number of interesting reports were made in relation to masonic jurisprudence, characterized by sound good sense and by a strict regard for the ancient landmarks of the Order. Among the reports was one on the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, in the conclusions of which we cannot, and our own Grand Lodge has not, agreed. Recognition of the new Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was refused, notwithstanding that the right to establish such a Body is admitted, but on the ground that the action, in the formation of it, had not been unanimous with the Lodges. Seeing that but three subordinate Lodges are required to form a Grand Lodge, and that Nova Scotia was confessedly "unoccupied masonic territory," we are at a loss to see the force of the argument urged by the Committee against recognition.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge was held on the 11th December, A. L. 5867, and was presided over by the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Charles C. Dame; and what is called "a Stated Communication," was held on Friday, the 27th December, A. L. 5867, for the installation of the Officers of the Grand Lodge. At this meeting, the Grand Master delivered his annual address, which was largely taken up with a mere record of his own official proceedings during the year. He refers to the new Temple, giving some particulars concerning it. It was estimated to cost, when completed, \$250,000; but owing to some changes made during its erection, it has actually cost no less than \$418,532.03, or including furniture, \$453,532.03. The net liabilities of the Grand Lodge, after deducting all available assets, amount to the large sum of \$399,713.29. This debt has necessitated a capitation tax for its liquidation, and thus has given rise to much unfortunate and unprofitable discussion in the masonic Press of the State, "the effect of which," according to the Grand Master, "has been to prejudice the peace, the reputation, and the business credit of the Grand Lodge." He declares, however, with regard to this tax, that "necessity demanded it, the Grand Lodge ordered it, and the result has demonstrated its wisdom." The tax amounts to \$1 per annum for each

member, for the period of thirteen years, and it has, on the whole, been punctually paid.

There are one hundred and sixty-four chartered Lodges, and seven U. D., with a membership of 17,160, in the jurisdiction. 2,506 candidates were initiated during the year.

A resolution of thanks was passed to the late Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Charles W. Moore, and R. W. Bro. Solon Thornton was elected Grand Secretary. M. W. Bro. Charles C. Dame is still Grand Master.

NEVADA.

The Third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of Nevada commenced its sittings in the city of Virginia, on the 17th September, A. L. 5867. Nine warranted Lodges and one U. D. were represented.

The Grand Master's address is a simple record of official acts. Masonry within the State is in a prosperous condition.

"Harmony reigns throughout our borders. With no disturbing elements within our ranks, and no dangers to be apprehended from without, Masonry in Nevada is noiselessly and quietly, but successfully, pursuing the even tenor of its way, and blessing its votaries with peace and happiness; bestowing upon them

'What nothing earthly gives, or can destroy—
The soul's calm sunshine, and the heartfelt joy.'

"Let us hope that this unostentatious prosperity and delightful harmony may continue to us and our successors for all time to come."

By the Grand Secretary's report, it appears that the estimated revenue of Grand Lodge is \$3,009.13, and the expenditure, \$1,769.00.

The question of masonic jurisprudence apparently occupied much of the attention of Grand Lodge, and a number of reports on the subject appear in the proceedings.

There are ten Lodges in the jurisdiction, with a membership of 705. 155 were initiated during the year.

M. W. Bro. John G. Currie, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. Wm. A. M. Van Bokkelen, Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire include those of the semi-annual meeting, held on 27th Dec., A. L. 5866, and of the annual meeting, which commenced on June 12th, A. L. 5867.

M. W. Bro. John H. Rowell, Grand Master, in his annual address, refers to his official acts during the past year; and in relation to the position of Masonry in the jurisdiction, remarks :

"The Order, as far as I can learn, has been, as for several years past, steadily increasing in numbers and strength; and since Masonry is now considered (as it truly is) "an ancient and honorable Institution," many are knocking at our doors, and it becomes us to throw around us all the safe-guards and securities we can, that none but the worthy may cross the threshold of our doors. Let a man have something more to recommend him, than that there is nothing against him."

The State is divided into ten districts, each presided over by a D. D. G. M., whose reports justify the statement of the Grand Master in reference to the flourishing condition of the Order.

Among the questions decided by the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, was one relating to the right of a candidate to withdraw his petition after it has been duly presented and referred, but before the ballot. The Committee, while stating that the practice in the United States is by no means uniform, at the same time decide "that the practice of suffering a candidate to withdraw his application before a ballot, to avoid being rejected, is wrong and unmasonic," a decision in the wisdom of which we heartily concur.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence reviews the proceedings of forty Grand Lodges, our own among the number. It is from the pen of Bro. John J. Bell.

There are sixty-six Lodges in the jurisdiction, with a membership of 5,005.

M. W. Bro. John H. Rowell, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Hon. Horace Chase, re-elected Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The Grand Lodge of North Carolina met in the city of Raleigh, in Annual Communication, on Monday, December 2nd, A. L. 5867.

Owing to the unavoidable absence of the Grand Master, there was no address from him; and the proceedings generally are purely local in interest. By the Grand Secretary's report, it appears that dispensations were granted to fifteen new Lodges during the year. The receipts of the Grand Secretary's office were \$2,701.25. There are two hundred and three Lodges, having a membership of 9,254, in the jurisdiction; and considering the disorganized state of the country during the war, they appear to be in a tolerably fair condition of prosperity. Eighty chartered Lodges have gone out of existence. The proceedings contain tributes to the memory of the late Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. William T. Bain, who had held that office for the remarkably long period of twenty-six years.

M. W. Bro. Robert W. Best was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Donald W. Bain, a brother of the deceased Grand Secretary, was elected to that position.

NEW JERSEY.

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey open with those of a Special Communication convened by the Grand Master on account of the seriously embarrassed state of Treasury, on the 31st July, A. L. 5867, at the city of Trenton.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. William Silas Whitehead, in his address, explains the position of the finances, the knowledge of which appears to have burst upon him somewhat suddenly, as, only six months previously, he had reported to the Grand Lodge "the flattering condition" of the Treasury. It was therefore with some pain and mortification that he felt himself compelled to call the members together "to devise some means to raise a sufficient fund to enable Grand Lodge to carry on its operations until the next stated Annual Communication." Having received a confidential letter,

informing him that the funds were in anything but a satisfactory condition, he convened several meetings of the four principal Grand Officers, at which the Grand Treasurer was notified to be present, but none of which he attended. The Treasurer simply wrote to say, that although himself in embarrassed circumstances, the funds of Grand Lodge were all right, and made certain positive promises, none of which, however, he fulfilled. It is not our province to give the particulars of this unfortunate business. It is sufficient to say, that with \$5,074.92 in his hands, he failed to honor drafts upon him, and thus greatly embarrassed the operations of Grand Lodge; and, as a consequence, the Grand Lecturer, who appears to have been doing a most valuable work in the instruction of Lodges, was compelled to cease his labors. The amount actually required to keep the work of Grand Lodge going, was \$1,200. The Grand Master avoids any harsh or unkind words towards the Grand Treasurer; refers to his misfortunes and embarrassments, the result of his own protracted illness and the prostration of members of his household. And he refers, with the warmest sympathy, to the deep affliction under which he labors, expressing his confidence that if the life and health of the Grand Treasurer are spared, "the Grand Lodge will not eventually suffer any loss at the hands of a Brother who has been so highly honored and trusted." A Committee was appointed, and reported resolutions asking the subordinate Lodges to pay over to the Grand Secretary, at once, at least one-half of their yearly dues, that Officer to take charge of the moneys and disburse them under the direction of the Grand Master.

The Eighty-first Annual Communication was commenced on the 22nd January, A. L. 5868, the attendance being very large.

The Grand Master, in his address, states that he has issued dispensations for five new Lodges, two of which were authorized to work in the German language; and he recommends the granting of a dispensation to another, the petition for which had been received shortly before the meeting of Grand Lodge. He reported that the resolution passed at the Special

Communication above referred to, had been promptly responded to by the subordinate Lodges; and ample funds had been received for carrying on the operations of Grand Lodge. But he regrets to say that his expectation of Grand Lodge eventually losing nothing by the default of Grand Treasurer was not well founded, and that the financial legislation to be adopted must have no reference to any such contingency. He advocates the repeal of the resolution on the books of Grand Lodge to the effect that no permission shall be granted to any Lodge in a foreign jurisdiction to make Masons of any one residing within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, on the ground, chiefly, that Lodges within that jurisdiction are constantly asking similar favors from Grand Lodges of surrounding States; and he gives a full recital of decisions rendered by him during the year, none of which are of special interest to Canadian Freemasons; and makes feeling reference to the Brethren who have gone to rest since the previous annual Communication. The address closes with some exceedingly valuable remarks on the mission of Masonry.

The Grand Secretary reports receipts during the year to the amount of \$4,753.94, and expenditures to the amount of \$1,393.19; leaving in his hands, under the resolution of the Special Communication, the sum of \$3,360.75.

There are ninety-one Lodges in the jurisdiction, with a membership of 6,891. From the reports of the Grand Lecturers and other Grand Officers, Freemasonry in the jurisdiction appears to be in a very flourishing condition.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Joseph H. Hough. It reviews the proceedings of a large number of Grand Bodies, our own among the number.

M. W. Bro. Henry R. Cannon, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. Joseph H. Hough, Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, was opened at the city of New York on 4th, June A. L. 5867.

The annual address of M. W. Bro. Robert D. Holmes, Grand Master, is a very able paper, recapitulating the masonic incidents of the year, and containing words of kindness and encouragement to the Craft. He refers to a convention of Masons, composed of Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens, which was held at the city of Brooklyn, to consider in advance certain matters which were to come before Grand Lodge, and condemns, in the strongest terms, the meeting, laying down the unquestionably correct doctrine, that "no convention of Masons, nor body of Masons, except it be a Grand or subordinate Lodge, can be legally called together to act upon any masonic question, whether it be of the composition of the Grand Lodge, jurisprudence, finance, or of any other matter connected generally with Masonry, unless it be under the order or direction, or by the permission, of the Grand Master." Dispensations were issued during the year for no less than fifty-three new Lodges. The Grand Master refers to the purchase of the People's College, situated in Havana, in Schuyler County, for the purposes of an Asylum. The building is a very fine one, situated in a desirable position, surrounded by over one hundred acres of land, and capable of accommodating two hundred and fifty people. The property is estimated as worth \$175,000, and has been purchased by the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund for the almost nominal sum of \$10,000. He also refers to the Masonic Fair held in New York during the year in aid of the same Trust, which realized, after paying all expenses, the handsome sum of \$50,000.

By the Grand Secretary's report, it appears that the gross receipts for the year amounted to \$62,164.59. He also reported that by the last preceding returns there were five hundred and fifty-four Lodges, having a total membership of 57,444. The number of initiations during the year was 9,017, and the number of affiliations, 1,519. The Grand Treasurer reported that he had expended during the year the large sum of \$61,269.91, the balance in his hands being \$3,968.14.

The Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund report receipts during the year to the amount of \$95,299.34, which

has been invested either in United States bonds or property. The total assets of this Trust amounted to \$204,552.18.

Resolutions were passed by Grand Lodge denouncing the private speculations, in the way of lotteries and gift enterprizes, which have been launched forth in the State under masonic auspices, declaring them to be a disgrace to the masonic fraternity. Resolutions were also passed recognizing the Grand Lodges of Nova Scotia and Montana.

The extent of the Grand Lodge jurisdiction of the State has recently pressed somewhat heavily upon the attention of the leading members of that body, and a Committee was appointed to consider "as to the propriety of making such modification in our laws as will relieve this Grand Lodge, with its overgrown and increasing representation, from the burdens of local legislation and executive and judicial action, by distributing those powers among local bodies, without detracting from the authority or powers of the Grand Master, or lessening the dignity or impairing the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge or Grand Assembly of Masons as now constituted." They state in their report, that two suggestions occurred to them; one, the system of Provincial or District Grand Lodges, as in England, for which they at first felt a strong preference; but they were met at the outset with some constitutional objections, which, as Masons, they could not bring themselves to over-ride. They accordingly adopted the second suggestion, that of the formation of District Boards of Relief, the members to be appointed annually by the Grand Master, and a majority to be Masters or Past Masters of Lodges, in good standing. The duties of the Board, which is required to meet once in three months, or oftener, if the D. D. G. M. summon it, will be to hear and determine all appeals within their districts, subject, of course, to the right of further appeal to the Grand Lodge. The report was referred to the Committee on Constitution, but no final action was taken upon it.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence review the proceedings of fifty-eight Grand Bodies, thirty-seven American

and twenty-one foreign. The report is an exceedingly interesting one, Canada receiving kindly mention in it.

M. W. Bro. Stephen H. Johnson, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. James M. Austin, re-elected Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA.

We have the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska from the date of its formation, in 1859, down to the present time.

The last Annual Communication was held on June 19th, A. L. 5867, at Omaha city. There were, in addition to the Grand Officers, representatives present from fourteen subordinate Lodges.

M. W. Bro. R. W. Furnas, Grand Master, delivered an interesting address. He reported that "the annual returns of the Lodge show an increased gain most gratifying." He also reported favorably of the prospect of an Institution for the education of Masons' children, hoping that at no distant day the contemplated Institution may be in successful operation. On the subjects of masonic innovations, the disposition to multiply Lodges, and the anxiety to swell the membership, Grand Master Furnas gave sound practical advice.

As in other jurisdictions, so in Nebraska, the Grand Lodge has been exercised on the subject of the uniformity of the work. The Grand Lodge has adopted what is known as "the Webb Work," and the Grand Lecturer was instructed to impart it.

There are twelve Lodges in the jurisdiction under warrant and three under dispensation, having a membership of 689. As an evidence of the care in the admission of profanes, it may be stated that rather more than one in every four applicants for initiation was rejected.

The accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer show a balance on hand of \$406.40. In view of this "large surplus of funds on hand," Grand Lodge, on a report of a Committee, resolved to reduce the dues required of subordinate Lodges.

The installation ceremony was quite an imposing affair, accompanied, of course, by the never-failing "oration" with which our American Brethren succeed in adding interest to the proceedings of their Grand Bodies. Brother J. Q. Goss was the "Grand Orator" of the occasion.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence review the proceedings of forty-one Grand Lodges. Canada is referred to in complimentary terms.

M. W. Bro. O. H. Irish, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. J. N. Wise, Grand Secretary.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

We welcome with pleasure the proceedings of the new Grand Lodge recently formed in our sister Province of New Brunswick.

The proceedings contain the minutes of conventions held previous to the organization of the Grand Lodge, the first of which was convened on the 16th August, A. L. 5867. Seven Lodges were represented by delegates.

The chairman of this meeting, W. Bro. B. Lester Peters, stated that the meeting was called in consequence of the remarks in the annual address of the Grand Master Mason of Canada, in relation to the altered position of the Craft in consequence of the confederation of the Provinces; and said the object was to consider the propriety of convening a formal convention to discuss the course open to the Lodges in New Brunswick, viz: To form an independent Grand Lodge, or to unite with the Grand Lodge of Canada, preparatory to the formation of a Grand Lodge for the Dominion. Accordingly, a resolution was adopted, authorizing the calling of a convention of representatives of all the Lodges on the second Wednesday in October.

At the meeting thus convened, nineteen Lodges were represented.

The circular convening the meeting having been read, the following questions were by it, submitted to the consideration of the convention:

"1. Whether the exclusive right of constituting Lodges in this Province can, in the altered political position of the Province as a part of the Dominion of Canada, be preserved to the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland.

"2. Whether in the opinion of the Lodges in this Province, the interests of the fraternity and the general advancement and prosperity of our Order would be best served by uniting in a general Grand Lodge for the whole Dominion of Canada, or the establishment of an independent Grand Lodge for the Province of New Brunswick."

After some discussion, the following resolution was adopted, sixteen Lodges, by their representatives, voting for it :

"Whereas, the existence of Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons in this Province hailing from three several Grand Lodges, with the prospect of the introduction of other jurisdictions at an early day, creates a diversity of interests and allegiance, an absence of harmony in working and action, perpetuating local and national feelings, and thus estranging the affections of Brethren whose '*Order* knows no country and is confined to no race,'

"Therefore, be it resolved ; That, in order to apply a remedy to these evils, to form perfect fraternal union and harmony, to establish order and ensure tranquillity, to provide for and promote the general welfare of the Craft, and secure to the fraternity of New Brunswick all the blessings of masonic privileges, it is expedient and right, and our bounden duty, to form a Grand Lodge in and for the Province of New Brunswick."

On the following day, the convention passed the formal resolution declaring itself to be "The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick," and the constitution of the Grand Lodge of England was adopted as the constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, so far as it was applicable to existing circumstances. M. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters was elected Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Robert T. Clinch, the District Grand Master under the Grand Lodge of England, having, owing to the official position he held, declined to accept a unanimous nomination to that position.

The First Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge was opened on the 22nd January, A. L. 5868.

The Grand Master, in his address, recapitulated the circumstances which had led to the formation of the Grand Lodge, making special reference to the action of the Grand Lodge of Canada on the subject of Masonry within the Dominion. In reference to the position of the Lodges to the newly formed Grand Lodge, the Grand Master said :

"This Grand Lodge was organized by the action of sixteen duly warranted Lodges (namely, *twelve* of English registry, *three* of Irish, and *one* of Scotch) out of twenty-six Lodges within the Province; and since the organization, *four* other Lodges have already resolved to accept warrants from this Body, and *three* Lodges are favorably considering the matter, and have communicated with me, asking information as to the time within which they can come in on equal privileges with the first acting Lodges; so that, in reality, there are but three Lodges that have not taken some action."

It will thus be seen that the new Grand Lodge starts on its career with a larger constituent body than many of those in the United States whose proceedings we have reviewed. The Grand Master urged upon the attention of Grand Lodge the importance of uniformity in the ritual, and also the advisability of taking steps towards the erection of a Masonic Hall; and referred to his correspondence with Grand Officers in other jurisdictions, in the hope of securing the presence of some of them to perform the installation ceremony at the Annual Communication.

The rest of the proceedings are formal, and embodied such resolutions as were necessary for the well-working of Grand Lodge, and the proper government and increased prosperity of the Craft throughout the Province.

M. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. W. F. Bunting, Grand Secretary.

OHIO.

The Fifty-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ohio commenced its sittings in Cincinnati, on Tuesday, Oct. 15th, A. L. 5867, two hundred and eighty-five Lodges being represented.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Sparrow, in his address,

discusses at some length the powers of Lodges under dispensation, a subject which, in view of the number of dispensations which are annually being granted in the State, is of very considerable interest. Sixteen dispensations for new Lodges are reported, and the Grand Master recommends the issue of warrants to them. There were some other applications for dispensations; but as the petitions were informal, the dispensations were not issued. He states that there is a growing disposition among the subordinates to become incorporated, and discusses the question in a tone adverse to such a course. In this we think the Grand Master is unquestionably right. The disadvantages of incorporation far overbalance any advantages that could be derived from it. In other respects, the address is simply a very full record of the official acts of the Grand Master during the year.

The Deputy Grand Master also submitted a report of his official acts during the year; and by the Grand Treasurer's report, it appears that the balance in his hands to the credit of Grand Lodge amounted to \$12,784.89. The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Bro. Enoch T. Carson, and is a very interesting and able document. It reviews the proceedings of twenty-eight Grand Lodges, but those of the Grand Lodge of Canada have been overlooked.

The Committee on Ways and Means submitted a report, in which they estimated the receipts during the year at \$12,000 and the expenditures at \$15,300, which, assuming the balance in Treasurer's hands, would leave a net sum at the end of the year at credit of Grand Lodge of \$9,484.89. Of the expenditures, the large sum of \$10,000 is for payment of mileage and per diem allowance to members attending Grand Lodge. This is a very large sum to devote to such a purpose; and we think Canadian Freemasons have reason to congratulate themselves that no such drain upon their Treasury takes place.

The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was formally recognized, and its representative, R. W. Bro. John D. Caldwell, received with the Grand Honors.

The constitutions of the Grand Lodge were under discussion, and a number of amendments made thereto.

There are three hundred and fifty-five Lodges in the jurisdiction, having a membership of 20,225. The number initiated during the year was 3,260.

M. W. Bro. Howard Mathews, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. John D. Caldwell, Grand Secretary.

OREGON.

The Seventeenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Oregon met in the city of Portland, on the 24th June, A. L. 5867, twenty-six chartered Lodges being represented.

The M. W. the Grand Master being unavoidably absent, R. W. Bro. C. H. Lewis, Deputy Grand Master, presided. The Grand Master forwarded his address, which was read. The address reports favorably on the condition of Masonry throughout the jurisdiction. He complains of want of uniformity in the work, and recommends the division of the State into districts, with a D. D. G. M. for each, as the best way of remedying this evil. He also complains of the practice in other jurisdictions, that of New York being specially mentioned, of admitting persons from Oregon who may happen to be on a visit for a few months to the Atlantic coast, to the privileges of Masonry. Many profanes, who, in their own neighborhood, and where they are known, would not be admitted to any Lodge, come back thus to the State duly certificated as Master Masons. He urges that the matter should be brought under the notice of the Grand Lodge of New York. The address is chiefly a record of official acts.

By the Grand Secretary's report, it appears that dispensations for the establishment of four new Lodges were issued from his office during the year by order of the Grand Master. The receipts of the Grand Secretary amounted to \$2,828.60. The receipts of the Grand Treasurer during the year amounted to \$7,438.24, and the expenditures to \$7,226.00.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence reviews the proceedings of thirty-one Grand Lodges, that of Canada being among the number.

The Grand Lodge adopted the suggestion of the Grand Master, and divided the State into three districts, the superintendents of those districts being known as District Grand Lecturers.

There are forty-one chartered Lodges in the State, and one under dispensation.

M. W. Bro. A. A. Smith, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. J. E. Hurford, Grand Secretary.

RHODE ISLAND.

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, contain the records of a number of Special Communications convened for the purpose of dedicating Halls, etc. The Annual Communication was held on the 20th May, A. L. 5867.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Thomas A. Doyle, delivered his annual address, reciting his official acts during the year. In reference to the position of Masonry in the jurisdiction, he says the year has been one of more than ordinary prosperity. "A larger amount of work has been done than in any previous year; and if the number of rejections is any indication of the care used in selecting the material, we may presume that greater attention than heretofore has been given to this subject." He urges strongly the importance of care in the selection of material for Masonry, declaring it to be "better far that ten worthy men should be refused, than that one unworthy one should gain entrance." The Grand Lodge has been in the habit of holding a Festival Communication on St. John's day, and the Grand Master urges that something should, if possible, be done to lessen the expense of this without abandoning it altogether. He says, "No one of the subordinates is able to entertain the Grand Lodge at the present cost of such occasions, and the amount drawn from the Grand Treasury for this purpose for the past few years would more than pay our indebtedness."

By the Grand Secretary's report, it appears that the receipts of his office during the year were \$1,212.62; and the expenditures for which he has been compelled to draw upon the Treasury, amounted to \$1,797.10.

There are twenty-five Lodges on the register of the Grand Lodge, twenty-two of which are working, with a membership of 2,684. There were 319 initiations during the year.

The Grand Secretary acknowledges the receipt of the proceedings of forty-three Grand Lodges, but there is no report on Foreign Correspondence.

M. W. Bro. Thomas A. Doyle, re-elected Grand Master; R. W. Bro. Charles D. Greene, re-elected Grand Secretary. •

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina assembled on the 19th November, A. L. 5867, eighty-two Lodges being represented.

M. W. Bro. Jas. L. Orr, Grand Master, in his address, acknowledges the kindness of the Masons of the Northern States in contributing to the alleviation of the suffering caused by the ravages of war. The amount received by him in all amounted to \$5,180.00, most of which had been distributed in affording relief. Nine dispensations were granted during the year for the formation of new Lodges; and the Grand Master reports most favorably on the results of the appointment of a Grand Lecturer, earnestly recommending that his services be retained at least another year.

The Grand Treasurer reports the receipts of the year to have been \$11,286.10, and the expenditures, \$10,928.10, leaving a balance in his hands of \$358.00.

A pleasing incident occurred during the sitting of Grand Lodge, in the return to it, by the Grand Master of the State of Illinois, of a jewel belonging to a prominent Brother in South Carolina, and bearing his name, and which had been taken by a soldier during the war and sold to a jeweller in Illinois, where it was discovered by the Grand Master. The correspondence on this subject breathes a spirit of the highest

brotherly love. The jewel was the property of M. W. Bro. C. J. Colcock, having been presented to him at the union of the two Grand Lodges in 1817. The thanks of Grand Lodge were voted to the Grand Master of Illinois, for his fraternal action in this matter.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of the Grand Secretary, and reviews the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Lodges. No mention is made of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

There are one hundred and twenty-nine Lodges in the jurisdiction working under warrant, and four under dispensation.

M.W. Bro. Jas. L. Orr, re-elected Grand Master; R.W. Bro. R. S. Bruns, re-elected Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE.

The Fifty-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee commenced its sittings on the 7th of October, A. L. 5867. Two hundred and fifty warranted Lodges were represented, and twenty-eight Lodges under dispensation.

The address of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Joseph M. Anderson, is an exceedingly able paper. He opens with a reference to the responsibilities of official position in the Grand Lodge, notices in fitting terms those workmen who have passed away during the year, and then passes on to refer to the position of Masonry within the jurisdiction. "Everywhere there prevails a spirit of devotion to the ancient landmarks and the edicts of the Grand Lodge; and in almost every instance where there has been the slightest departure from either, a want of information has produced the digression." He makes some valuable suggestions with a view to securing uniformity, not simply in the rituals of Masonry, but in the laws and edicts which govern the different subordinate Lodges. Two questions he discusses at some length; first, the question of physical disqualifications incurred after the first degree had been conferred; and the right of a Lodge to try a member for offences committed

before he became a Mason. As to the first, he recommended the following edict :

“Candidates for the first degree of Masonry, who for physical causes are incapable of earning a livelihood, or of performing the ritual of Masonry, shall be rejected; and persons who are incapable mentally of receiving and comprehending the ritual of Masonry, and imparting the same to others, shall be deemed unfit to receive any degree in Masonry.”

And as to the second point, the following :

“A Mason who is proven to have committed, before his initiation, any crime declared to be infamous by the laws of the State, and to have concealed the same in such manner that it could not be known at the time of his initiation, shall be expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry.”

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence did not recommend the former of these suggestions, holding that the existing edicts were sufficient for all purposes. In relation to the second, they concurred in opinion with the Grand Master. Dispensations were granted during the year for six new Lodges, the Grand Master refusing a number of other applications for various reasons, referring the petitioners to Grand Lodge.

On the subject of a Masonic Asylum for aged and infirm Masons, their wives and children, the Committee appointed at the previous Annual Communication reported, that while fully impressed with the importance of such an Institution, the destitution of the Lodges in many localities, the impoverished condition of the country, and the many calls upon them for relief, would render the entering upon such an enterprise impracticable at present.

A Grand Lecturer for the State was appointed, whose duty it is to appoint and instruct three Deputy Grand Lecturers, one from each division of the State, to visit the Lodges in their respective districts for the purpose of instructing such Lodges in the work adopted by said Grand Lecturer, and of securing to the several Lodges in the State uniformity of work.

Dispensations were granted by Grand Lodge for sixteen

new Lodges, in addition to those already granted by the Grand Master.

The Committee on Accounts reported that the Grand Secretary had received during the year the sum of \$11,091.10. The expenditures during the year amounted to \$8,921.88, the balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer to the credit of Grand Lodge being \$7,465.49.

A Lodge of sorrow was held in memory of the late Past Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Thomas McCulloch. The proceedings were most impressive, a eulogy on the life and character of the deceased being pronounced by Bro. Samuel H. Stout.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Charles A. Fuller.

There are two hundred and seventy-three Lodges in the jurisdiction, having a membership of 15,790. During the year, there were initiated 2,553 candidates.

M. W. Bro. Joseph M. Anderson, Grand Master ; R. W. Bro. Charles A. Fuller, Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Virginia met on the 9th December, A. L. 5867.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Edward H. Lane, in his annual address, referred in particularly appropriate terms to the real character and mission of Freemasonry, and to the progress it is making in Virginia, in spite of the devastations and misery of a four years' war. He makes special allusion to the energy, liberality, and self-sacrificing spirit of the Richmond Lodges, by whose efforts a school has been established in that city for the education of the orphans, both male and female, of Masons. There are sixty-five children receiving instruction in this school, the boys under a master, the girls under a lady teacher, both of them well qualified for their work.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is

very ably written, the chairman of the Committee, Brother B. R. Wellford, jr., being eminently qualified for the position he holds. The report enters somewhat largely into the dispute between the Grand Lodge of Virginia and the newly-formed Grand Lodge of West Virginia. The circumstances which gave rise to the formation of that Grand Lodge are but too well calculated to produce a feeling of bitterness; but we notice with pleasure, that both the Grand Master in his address, and the Committee on Foreign Correspondence in their report, look forward with pleasure to an early establishment of friendly relations between the two Bodies.

By the report of the Finance Committee, it appears that the receipts of the Grand Lodge during the year amounted to \$5,667.01, the expenditures being \$4,102.36.

A Committee on that part of the Grand Master's address relating to the position of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, make a report, in which they recite that at the previous Grand Communication, the Grand Lodge resolved to recognize the new Body, so soon as thirty-three active Lodges within the boundaries of West Virginia expressed their desire to unite with the new Grand Lodge; and that inasmuch as this had not been shown, but on the contrary, a number of subordinate Lodges, by resolution, expressed an undiminished affection for the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and an unalterable determination to remain under its jurisdiction so long as they can, the Grand Lodge should, in the event of recognizing the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, while abstaining from creating any new subordinate Lodges within that jurisdiction, would also not undertake, without the consent of the Lodges, to revoke any charters or in any way dissolve the connection of such subordinate Lodges with the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

There are two hundred and thirty-three warranted Lodges in the jurisdiction, and two under dispensation.

The mourning pages contain the names of no less than ninety-eight deceased Brethren.

M. W. Bro. Wm. Terry, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. John Dove, re-elected Grand Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA.

The Third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia was begun at the city of Wheeling, on Tuesday, 11th December, A. L. 5867. Nineteen Lodges were represented.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. William J. Bates, in his address, reviews the masonic operations of the year. He announces five dispensations granted for the formation of new Lodges, refers in feeling terms to the death of W. Bro. George W. Sights, P. M. of Ohio, Lodge, No. 1, and treats at considerable length on the want of uniformity in work as practiced by the subordinate Lodges. A Grand Lecturer had been appointed, but little had so far been accomplished in the way of improvement. He concludes his address by a very able exposition of the principles of the Order, and the solemn obligations resting upon its membership. He lays down the doctrine—unquestionably a correct one, and one deserving of earnest thought and attention—that “from a faithful adherence by the members, in their individual conduct, to the moral precepts of our Order, has arisen whatever power for good the fraternity has hitherto exercised; and from this individual faithfulness is also derived the only sure hope for the perpetuity of the Institution.” He makes no reference to the dispute with the parent Grand Lodge of Virginia.

The Grand Treasurer's report showed the receipts for the year to have been \$986.85, and the expenditures, \$914.38, the balance to the credit of Grand Lodge being \$175.13.

There are thirty-five Lodges in the jurisdiction under warrant, and one under dispensation.

M. W. Bro. William J. Bates, re-elected Grand Master;
R. W. Bro. Thomas H. Logan, re-elected Grand Secretary.

TERRITORY OF WASHINGTON.

The Tenth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was commenced on Wednesday, 18th September, A. L. 5867. Only five Lodges were represented.

The address of the Grand Master, W. Bro. T. M. Reed, was simply a record of his official acts during the year, interlarded with some sound words of advice to the Brethren.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence review the proceedings of thirty-three Grand Lodges, our own among the number. The report is a very interesting one, from the pen of Bro. Wood.

There is an unfortunate dispute pending between this Grand Lodge and that of the State of Oregon, which, we fear, will not be healed by the tone of the reports on the subject. Resolutions were passed, suspending all intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Oregon.

The Grand Treasurer reports receipts to the amount of \$793.25, and expenditures to the amount of \$769.85.

There are eleven Lodges in the jurisdiction, with a membership of 370.

M. W. Bro. James Biles, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. T. M. Reed, Grand Secretary.

CONCLUSION.

We have to acknowledge, in addition to the proceedings reviewed, a very handsome volume from the Grand Lodge of Alabama, "The Masonic Code of Alabama." It includes an historical synopsis of the Grand Lodge up to 1836; the Act of Incorporation of the Grand Lodge, passed in 1859; the constitution of Grand Lodge; the ancient landmarks, collected from records as published by the Grand Lodge of England in 1722; a digest of decisions, resolutions, edicts, and authoritative reports of the Grand Lodge; and a large variety of other very valuable information. We have also received from the Grand Lodge of Florida, a reprint of the proceedings at its several Grand Communications, from 1860 to 1866 inclusive, bound in muslin. For both these volumes, we recommend that the thanks of Grand Lodge be accorded to our sister Grand Lodges in Alabama and Florida.

And now our work is done. To go through carefully some

forty volumes, and gather from them what is of interest to Masons everywhere, involves some labor; but to us it has been a labor of love. The evidences which are everywhere afforded of the progress of true masonic principles, and the increased and increasing influence of our ancient and honorable fraternity, has cheered us in our work. We leave it now with the hope that our Brethren may derive as much pleasure from the perusal of this report, as the writer has had in the preparation of it.

THOS. WHITE, JR.,

Chairman.

HAMILTON, July 6th, 1868.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. L. H. Henderson, seconded by R. W. Bro. A. DeGrassi, and

RESOLVED,—That it be an instruction to the Board of General Purposes to report, as early as possible, the expediency of re-organizing the Masonic Districts within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

It was moved by W. Bro. G. Billington, seconded by W. Bro. N. B. Falkiner,

That the further exemplification of the work be not now proceeded with; but that this Grand Lodge proceed with the election of Grand Officers.

In amendment,

It was moved by R. W. Bro. F. Westlake, seconded by R. W. Bro. Isaac H. Stearns,

That the exemplification of the work be at once proceeded with.

A vote of Grand Lodge having been taken on the amendment, it was declared to be in the affirmative.

The Committee on Work then proceeded with the exemplification of the first or Entered Apprentice Degree, after which the lecture on the tracing board was given by V. W. Bro. Otto Klotz.

The following resolution of The Grand River Lodge, No. 151, Berlin, which had been forwarded to the office of the Grand Secretary, was read :

• "LODGE ROOM,

"Grand River Lodge, No. 151.

"Moved by Bro. Charles Hendry, P. M.,

"Seconded by Bro. John McDougall, P. M.,

"That the Secretary write to the Grand Secretary, to inform Grand Lodge at its first session about to be held in London, that this Lodge has had no visits from the District Deputy Grand Master for the past four or five years.—*Carried.*"

In accordance with notice given,

It was moved by W. Bro. E. C. Barber, seconded by W. Bro. Wm. Wilkinson,

That the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at the city of Quebec.

In amendment,

It was moved by M. W. Bro. A. Bernard, seconded by R. W. Bro. L. H. Henderson,

That the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at the city of Montreal.

In amendment to the amendment,

It was moved by V. W. Bro. N. A. Gamble, seconded by W. Bro. McDougall,

That the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at the city of Ottawa.

A vote of Grand Lodge having been taken, it was declared to be in favor of Montreal by a large majority.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. A. Bernard, seconded by R. W. Bro. Charles Magill, and

RESOLVED,—That inasmuch as the work exemplified thus far is substantially the same as that practiced by the large majority of our Lodges, and inasmuch as it will not be possible for those Brethren who are not fully acquainted with it to retain more than they have actually witnessed, and as the time of Grand Lodge is very limited for the carefully considering and transacting of all the important business before it, the exemplification of the second and third degrees be deferred until to-morrow, and then to be taken up if time will permit; and that the election of officers be the first business for this evening's session.

The following special report from the Board of General Purposes on Constitution and Regulations, was read :

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes beg leave to report, that they have had submitted to them by M. W. Bro. Bernard, with the consent of the W. M. of Antiquity Lodge, Montreal, the following statement of facts in relation to the position of M. W. Bro. Bernard in that Lodge :

"At a Regular Communication of the Lodge of Social and Military Virtues, held in Montreal on 1st Nov., A. L. 5855, it was proposed by Bro. E. Morris, seconded by Bro. Henry, 'That the thanks of this Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered, to R. W. Bro. Bernard ; and also, that in consideration of the many services rendered by him to the Craft of Canada in general, in establishing the Grand Lodge of Canada, he be admitted an honorary member of this Lodge.'—Carried by acclamation.

"From this time up to a recent date, M. W. Bro. Bernard voted and exercised all the privileges of membership. The name of the Lodge was changed to that of the Lodge of Antiquity. Circumstances occurred which called in question his right to exercise the privileges of ordinary membership ; and finally, it was ruled by R. W. Bro. J. C. Franck that he was not, and never had been, an honorary member of the Lodge. His name was consequently erased from the list of members.

"We submit herewith the minute-book of the Lodge, also the By-Laws, and ask permission to make such further statements as may be necessary to elucidate the case ; and ask a decision on the following points :

"Has M. W. Bro. Bernard ever been an honorary member of the Lodge of Antiquity ?

"Is he still a member, and entitled to exercise all the privileges of ordinary membership ?

"Under existing circumstances, what is the duty of Lodge of Antiquity in the matter ?"

This submission was signed by M. W. Bro. Bernard and W. Bro. M. Gutman, W. M. of Antiquity Lodge.

The Board have examined the minute-book of the Lodge of Social and Military Virtues, as well as its By-Laws ; and from this examination, they learn the following facts :

1. That M. W. Bro. Bernard was elected an honorary member, as set forth in the submission.

2. That he was so elected in accordance with the By-Laws of the Lodge in force at the time.

3. That the election took place while the Lodge was under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

4. That for a period of about twelve years, M. W. Bro. Bernard exercised the privilege of membership in Antiquity Lodge without his right to do so being challenged.

The Board therefore report that M. W. Bro. Bernard having been returned to this Grand Lodge as a member when the Lodge of Social and Military Virtues surrendered its warrant to the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and affiliated with the Grand Lodge of Canada, we are bound to recognize his honorary status, and hold that he is entitled to all the privileges conferred upon him by said Lodge before its connection with the Grand Lodge of Canada. The Board further decide, that in denying the right of M. W. Bro. Bernard to exercise the functions of membership, the then W. M. of Antiquity Lodge exceeded his duty.

The Board desire to express their satisfaction at the fraternal manner in which this question has been submitted to them, the object both of M. W. Bro. Bernard and the W. M. of Antiquity Lodge, being simply to obtain the decision of Grand Lodge upon the point at issue.

Respectfully submitted.

A. A. STEVENSON,

Pres. B. of G. P.

On motion, the foregoing report was received and adopted.

Bro. W. S. Law gave notice that on to-morrow he will move that two Grand Lecturers be appointed and paid by Grand Lodge, to visit subordinate Lodges and instruct them in the proper forms of work, lectures, masonic law, etc.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 8 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 9.10 o'clock,
P. M.

M. W. Bro. William Mercer Wilson, Grand Master,
On the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members, and Representatives.

The President of the Board of General Purposes submitted the following report

ON WARRANTS.

The Board of General Purposes having had under consideration the applications for warrants by the several Lodges working under dispensation, have carefully enquired into the efficiency of the working of those Lodges, and recommend the following as being worthy of receiving warrants of constitution from the Grand Lodge, viz :

PETROLIA	LODGE.....	Petrolia.
TUSCAN	"	London.
MADAWASKA	"	Arnprior.
SAUGEEN	"	Walkerton.
WHITE OAK	"	Oakville.
FRELIGHSBURGH	"	Frelighsburch.
ST. ALBAN'S	"	Mount Forest.
LEEDS	"	Gananoque.
MOUNT ROYAL	"	Montreal.
IRVINE	"	Elora.
DORIC	"	Danville.
NEW DOMINION	"	New Hamburg.

On examining the minute-books of the Lodges applying for warrants, the Board finds that very few of them have been kept in accordance with the Forms of Entry appended to the Book of Constitution ; and while recommending Grand Lodge to grant the warrants thus applied for, they would strongly urge upon the Lodges referred to a strict adherence to said forms in future.

Respectfully submitted.

A. A. STEVENSON,
Pres. B. of G. P.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, seconded by V. W. Bro. Thomas White, and

RESOLVED,—That the report of the Board on Warrants be received and adopted.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. James Reynolds, seconded by R. W. Bro. A. G. Macdonell, and

RESOLVED,—That the Central District be divided into two districts, to be called respectively the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Districts; the St. Lawrence District to comprise the counties of Frontenac, Leeds, Grenville, Dundas, Stormont and Glengary, the city of Kingston, and the towns of Brockville and Cornwall; and the Ottawa District to comprise the counties of Renfrew, Lanark, Carleton, Prescott and Russell, the city of Ottawa, and the village of Aylmer in the Province of Quebec.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following Brethren to be scrutineers of the ballot for Grand Officers, and for members of the Board of General Purposes, viz : R. W. Bro. Wm. McCabe, V. W. Bros. Thos. White, jr. and J. E. Brooke, and to be assisted by W. Bro. M. Gutman.

The election was then proceeded with, and the following Brethren were declared duly elected :

R. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, Montreal,	Grand Master.
" " " James Seymour, St. Catharines,	Deputy " "
V. " " John W. Murton, Hamilton,	" Senior Warden.
" " Stevens Baker, Dunham,	" Junior "
R. " " Rev. V. Clementi, Lakefield,	re-elected " Chaplain.
" " " Henry Groff, Simcoe,	re-elected " Treasurer.
V. " " Daniel Spry, Toronto,	" Registrar.
R. " " Thomas Bird Harris, Hamilton,	re-elected " Secretary.

By an open vote of Grand Lodge,

V. W. Bro. Robert Noxon, Montreal,	" Tyler.
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Nominated by the Representatives of Lodges of the various Masonic Districts to be District Deputy Grand Masters, and approved by the M. W. Grand Master :

V. W. Bro. John E. Brooke, Chatham,	London	District.
R. " " David Curtis, Brantford, re-elected,	Wilson	"
V. " " Thomas Matheson, Mitchell,	Huron	"
" " John Parry, Dunville,	Hamilton	"
V. " " M. H. Spencer, Barrie,	Toronto	"

R. W. Bro.	William McCabe,	Oshawa, re-elected,	Ontario	District.
" "	W. H. Day,	Trenton,	Prince Edward	"
" "	George M. Wilkinson,	Kingston,	St. Lawrence	"
" "	William Mostyn,	Almonte,	Ottawa	"
R. " "	Alexander Murray,	Montreal,	Montreal	"
" " "	John H. Graham,	Richmond, re-elected,	E. Townships	"
" " "	Alexander Walker,	Quebec, re-elected,	Quebec	"

R. W. Bro. Rev. Vincent Clementi obtained permission for his notice of motion to lay over until the next Annual Communication, as follows: That the Constitution be so amended as to vest the appointment of District Deputy Grand Masters in the M. W. Grand Master.

W. Bro. N. F. Dupuis gave notice that at the next Annual Communication he will move to amend the Constitution, by changing the time of meeting of Grand Lodge from the second Wednesday in July to the first Wednesday in September in each year.

R. W. Bro. Charles Kahn gave notice that at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, he will move that the Huron District be divided into two districts.

W. Bro. Isaiah Danks gave notice that at the next Annual Communication, he will move that all grants of money be made on separate and distinct motions, and be voted upon not later than the second day of the session.

V. W. Bro. P. J. Brown gave notice that at the next Annual Communication, he will move that District Deputy Grand Masters be paid their expenses by Grand Lodge for one visit to each subordinate Lodge in their district.

W. Bro. John E. Harding gave notice that at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, he will move that the necessary travelling expenses of the District Deputy Grand Masters be paid in equal proportions by all the Lodges within their district, such amount to be ascertained and paid through the Grand Secretary immediately after each Annual Communication.

W. Bro. W. S. Martin gave notice that at the next Annual Communication, he will move that section 7, "Of Proposing Members," of the Constitution, be so amended that no candidate for initiation be accepted unless he receive the unanimous vote of the votes cast.

W. Bro. R. P. Stephens gave notice that at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, he will move that clause No. 1, "Of D. D. G. M.'s," of the Constitution, be so amended as to allow Past Masters to vote in the nomination of District Deputy Grand Masters for their respective districts.

W. Bro. E. C. Barber gave notice that at the next Annual Communication, he will move that the fees and dues payable by subordinate Lodges be reduced one-half. Also,

That it is desirable, in the interest of Masonry, that one or more Grand Lecturers be appointed.

The consideration of the report of the Board of General Purposes was resumed.

On annual Audit and Finance.—See pages 519, 520.

On Benevolence.—See page 523.

On semi-annual Audit and Finance.—See pages 521, 522.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, seconded by R. W. Bro. James Seymour, and

RESOLVED,—That the report of the Board on annual Audit and Finance, Benevolence, and semi-annual Audit and Finance, be adopted.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at low twelve, to meet on Friday at 10 o'clock, A. M.

FRIDAY, July 10th, 1868.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 11 o'clock, A.M.

M. W. Bro. William Mercer Wilson, Grand Master,
On the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members, and Representatives.

In accordance with notice given at the last Annual Communication, it was moved by V. W. Bro. J. M. Dunn, seconded by V. W. Bro. P. J. Brown,

That in view of the arduous labors devolving upon the Board of General Purposes, each member in attendance on the first and succeeding days of each future Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, as also of the first and succeeding days of the semi-annual meeting of the Board itself, be paid his mileage and per diem expenses.

After an interesting discussion, it was moved,

In amendment,

By W. Brother Dr. Billington, seconded by W. Brother N. B. Falkiner,

That at all future Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge, the Board of General Purposes do meet two days before the assembling of Grand Lodge in each year; and that the members of the Board be paid mileage and per diem expenses for their attendance at meetings of the Board.

A vote of Grand Lodge having been taken on the amendment, it was declared in the affirmative.

MASONIC ASYLUM TRUST.

The Board of General Purposes begs to inform Grand Lodge that it has had under consideration the following report from the Masonic Asylum Trust:

To the Board of General Purposes:

The Masonic Asylum Trust begs to present the following

REPORT.

With feelings of no ordinary pain, the Board has, in the first place, to record the death of their valued and esteemed chairman, the late R. W. Bro. the Hon. Robert Spence.

Many members of the Grand Lodge will remember the unceasing interest which this distinguished Brother for many years evinced in the discharge of the active duties of the true Mason, whether as Master of his Lodge, member of the Board of General Purposes and of the Grand Lodge, or more recently, when failing health prevented his being often from home, as the zealous chairman of this Board.

As a means whereby we may be enabled to "let our light so shine before men," that they may see the true work of Masonry and glorify the G. A. O. T. U., our departed Brother, from the first initiation of this great project, entertained the warmest feelings as to its imperative necessity; and the Trust earnestly hope that his last report, as their chairman, (see proceedings 1867, page 357,) may not be lost sight of, but that his fervent appeal may now speak as from the Tomb: "Let us do good as we have opportunity." The Trust express their earnest desire that his last recommendations may not fall to the ground, but that Grand Lodge, at its present meeting, will take decisive steps in carrying them out, as a tribute to his memory; and when the noble Charity is in operation, among the names of benefactors to be inscribed on its walls, none more worthy shall then be found than that of the first chairman, the late R. W. Bro. the Hon. Robt. Spence.

At a meeting of the Trust, held shortly after the decease of R. W. Bro. Spence, R. W. Bro. Kivas Tully, representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, was unanimously elected chairman; and it will rest with the Grand Lodge to fill up the vacancy in the Trust. They would venture respectfully to recommend the name of V. W. Bro. James Bain, P. M. of St. Andrew's Lodge, both as a compliment to the Lodge from which the project originally emanated (see proceedings 1860, page 100), and as a tribute of his earnest zeal in the cause.

Referring to the proceedings of 1867, page 354, for the last published statement of the fund, the Trust now report additions to the same, as follows:

1. Balance in the Bank of Montreal.....	\$ 14 18
Interest on Government Debentures, by cheque of the Hon. Receiver General...	390 58
Interest on funds in Bank.....	5 28
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	\$410 04
Less cheque for Solicitor's acct.....	\$40 00
" incidental expenses	6 00
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Present balance.....	\$364 04

2. The amount in the hands of R. W. Bro. the Grand Treasurer, Gore Bank, has been increased by interest and other receipts to\$537 36

Recapitulating the foregoing, the fund may be now stated as follows :

Government Debentures, as before.....	\$3,800 00
Bank of Montreal, credit of Trust.....	364 04
Gore Bank, credit of Grand Treasurer.....	537 36

Total.....\$4,681 40

The Trust would, in the next place, refer to the following clause in the report of the Board of General Purposes on the subject of the Asylum (see proceedings 1867, page 371), wherein, after alluding to sundry offers and subscriptions, they report with reference to that of Niagara Lodge, No. 2, as follows :

“This latter offer the Board considers *well worthy the serious attention of the Grand Lodge*. It is from Niagara Lodge, No. 2, and is contained in the following resolution of that Lodge :— ‘That the sum of \$3,000, also a two-story brick building—an elevation of which, with a description of the building, is attached—and two acres of land, with improvements, garden, grapes and other fruit trees therein, be granted for the purpose of the Asylum.’ This offer is in addition to the sum of \$40 already contributed by this Lodge.”

Fortified by this favorable view already recorded by Grand Lodge, the Trust resolved to make a personal inspection of the premises so nobly offered by this “well nigh the oldest” Lodge in Canada. Accordingly, on the 1st inst. they proceeded to Niagara, where they were received by Bro. Angus Morrison, M. P., the Mayor, the Reeve, and other influential inhabitants, accompanied by whom they proceeded to make a careful and minute examination of the premises, and they now report them as follows :

The building, beautifully situated in the town of Niagara, is a capacious one, measuring $87\frac{1}{2} \times 50$ feet; three, not two, stories in height; and although erected for many years, the walls and roof are in good preservation, and by removing the interior partitions, the present arrangement of the rooms being unsuitable, there would be ample scope for its refitting for the purposes required, the extreme cost of the required alteration being probably \$4,000.

The amount of land offered with the building, viz., 2 acres, not being considered sufficient, it was ascertained that 4 acres

in addition can be obtained at a cost of about \$500, which could be paid for out of the \$3,000 offered by the Lodge, thus leaving \$2,500, to be applied towards the improvements, and an acquired property of 6 acres *en bloc*.

The water supply, an important consideration, was found to be ample and excellent, an unfailing spring well, 45 feet in depth, with a good pump, being on the premises. The drainage also was satisfactory.

In conclusion, it was considered that the offer of Niagara Lodge, No. 2, is one that entitles them to the thanks and gratitude of the fraternity, evincing, as it does, a hearty zeal for the interests of the Craft, and a laudable anxiety to see this great work carried into operation.

The situation, for salubrity and convenience, is second to none in Canada; and taking into consideration the urgent necessity of providing a home for the "indigent and distressed brother Mason," his widow and orphans, the members of the Trust heartily and unanimously recommend that the offer of Niagara Lodge, No. 2, be accepted, the locality adopted by the Grand Lodge as the site for the Asylum, and the Trust empowered to proceed with all expedition to further the Institution.

KIVAS TULLY,

Chairman.

S. B. HARMAN.

A. DEGRASSI.

TORONTO, July 3rd, 1868.

The Board of General Purposes, with reference to the foregoing, recommends that so much of the report as refers to the offer of Niagara Lodge be referred back to the Trust, with a request that they report upon other offers which have been made from various localities towards the erection of an Asylum building, and which are now in the hands of the Grand Secretary, or which may be hereafter sent in; it being distinctly understood that this Board is in no way pledged to accept any offer.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board.

A. A. STEVENSON,

Pres. B. of G. P.

On motion of R. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, seconded by R. W. Bro. John H. Graham, the report of the Board on Asylum Trust was received.

Continuation of report.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

The Board of General Purposes begs leave to report upon the several cases of grievances and appeals submitted to it as follows :

The Board recommends that Bro. Charles H. Potter, of Prevost Lodge, No. 1, excluded for unmasonic conduct—Bro. James Wight, of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, excluded for unmasonic conduct—and Bro. Chas. Raymond, of Walsingham Lodge, No. 174, excluded for unmasonic conduct, be summoned to show cause at the next meeting of the Board why they should not be expelled from the Order ; and that R. W. Bro. David Browne, of Prevost Lodge, charged with unmasonic conduct, be suspended, and that he also be summoned to show cause at the next meeting of the Board why he should not be expelled.

Considering the charge made against Bro. Angus Russell, of Corinthian Lodge, No. 96, not sufficiently specific, the Board does not recommend that any action be taken upon it.

The Board considers the complaint made by W. Bro. Oille, W. M. of St. George's Lodge, No. 15, against R. W. Bro. Seymour, D. D. G. M. of the Hamilton District, to be frivolous and vexatious ; and the following question which, after stating his case, he puts for adjudication, viz : "Has a D. D. G. M., during an *un-official* visit to a Lodge in his district, power to publicly admonish or reprimand the W. M. in open Lodge, and threaten to take the gavel from him, without complaint to him made previously in his official capacity by any Lodge member ?"—the Board considers should be answered in the affirmative.

The charge of unmasonic conduct made by Bro. Penton against Alexandra Lodge, should, in the first instance, be disposed of by the D. D. G. M. of the district, as the Board finds that it has no time at its disposal to hear cases, except on appeal.

A. A. STEVENSON,

Pres. B. of G. P.

On motion of R. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. H. Weller, the report of the Board on Grievances and Appeals was received.

Continuation of report.

CONDITION OF MASONRY.

The Board of General Purposes begs to submit the following on the reports of the D. D. G. M.'s, received from nine out of the eleven districts into which this Grand Lodge is divided :

The districts from which no reports have been received are the Toronto District (owing to the death of the D. D. G. M., R. W. Bro. E. A. Walker), and the Quebec District.

It is extremely gratifying to find that the D. D. G. M.'s have evinced so much zeal and energy in the discharge of the many and onerous duties pertaining to their high offices, to which, in all probability, is to be attributed the harmony and steady progress of our time-honored Institution.

The Board learns with surprise that the Brethren of the Eastern Townships are not fully satisfied with the conduct of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals. They would inform those Brethren that delays which sometimes unavoidably occur in deciding cases of appeal are mainly due to the Brethren preferring complaints, owing to the too general terms in which charges are sometimes framed, and the incompleteness of the evidence often offered in their substantiation.

The attention of the Board has been called to a paragraph in the report of the D. D. G. M. of the Huron District, that he "refused to grant a dispensation to pass the ballot for a rejected candidate the second time," it not being in the power of a D. D. G. M. to entertain an application for such a dispensation.

In the report of the D. D. G. M. of Central District, it is stated that the two Lodges in his district, viz., St. James' Lodge, No. 74, and Rising Sun Lodge, No. 85, work in accordance with a ritual similar to that used in the United States. He also mentions that "these Lodges contain many old and

much-esteemed Masons, who are loath to give up ceremonials they have been long accustomed to ; yet if Grand Lodge will vouchsafe to instruct them fully, they will yield to the general desire for uniformity." This Board begs to refer these worthy Brethren to sections 21 and 36, under the head of "Private Lodges," in the Book of Constitution, wherein they will find the peril of their present position, and to remind them that it is the duty of the Worshipful Master and Officers of each Lodge to perfect themselves in the work of the Grand Lodge from which they hold their charters, prior to their assuming the duties of their respective offices ; and the Board sincerely trusts that the R. W. the D. D. G. M. will see that the requirements of the Constitution are not evaded. With feelings of the deepest sorrow, it learns the unhappy position of Cornwall Lodge, No. 25, Cornwall, it appearing that owing to the introduction of politics at the meetings of the said Lodge, that harmony which is so essential to the preservation of our Order is not enjoyed therein. This the Board cannot too earnestly deprecate ; and would call the attention of the various members of that Lodge to the charge to the newly-initiated candidate, wherein it is expressly stated that he is, whilst in the Lodge, to abstain from all topics of political or religious discussion.

The Board learns with regret that the W. M. of St. James' Lodge, No. 74, in the Central District, has initiated a candidate who is maimed in one of his limbs, thus clearly violating the ancient charges, and in direct opposition to the frequent ruling of our successive Grand Masters ; that the said Worshipful Brother has shown a great want of masonic knowledge in this matter ; and the Board would recommend that the M. W. Grand Master either admonish or otherwise punish said Brother for such misconduct.

A. A. STEVENSON,

Pres. B. of G. P.

On motion of R. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, seconded by M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, the report of the Board on Condition of Masonry was received.

GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Board of General Purposes begs to report that it has had under consideration the following memorial, emanating from the recently established Grand Lodge in and for the Province of New Brunswick, which had been addressed to the Grand Lodge of Canada, and desiring a fraternal recognition :

"To the Most Worshipful Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada :

"The Memorial of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick, SUEWETH :

"That at a Convention of duly warranted Lodges, held at the city of St. John, in the Province of New Brunswick, in British North America, in the month of October last, the Grand Lodge in and for the Province of New Brunswick was, by the unanimous action of sixteen Lodges, erected upon the Ancient Charges and Constitutions of Freemasonry.

"That the circumstances which prompted this action are set forth in the published proceedings of the Convention, and of the first Communication of this Grand Lodge, transmitted for your information.

"That this Grand Lodge hath been duly erected by the united action of a large majority of the Lodges established in the Province, and embracing the different jurisdictions heretofore represented in New Brunswick.

"That this Grand Lodge, so legally erected according to the ancient Constitutions of the Craft, claims, and has, sole and exclusive masonic jurisdiction over Ancient Craft Masonry within this Province of New Brunswick.

"This Grand Lodge, therefore, desires that fraternal communication may be established between your Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

"This Memorial, by resolution of the Grand Lodge, is issued under the hand of the M. W. Grand Master and the seal of Grand Lodge, this sixth day of April, A. D. 1868, A. L. 5868."

"W. F. BUNTING,
Grand Secretary.

"B. LESTER PETERS,
Grand Master for New Brunswick.

The Board has pleasure in recommending, That this Grand Lodge cordially recognizes the establishment of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, and cheerfully extends to her the right hand of fellowship, and welcomes her as a sister among the Grand Lodges of the world.

A. A. STEVENSON,
Pres. B. of G. P.

Continuation of report.

CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS.

The application of Barton Lodge, No. 6, Hamilton, for permission to wear gold jewels and lace instead of silver ones, having been further laid over at the meeting of Grand Lodge, Kingston, 1867, to enable the petitioners to produce further evidence in proper form to strengthen their claim, at the semi-annual meeting of this Board; which meeting, for want of a quorum, not being held, the said petition has again been under consideration of this Board. The petitioners having submitted to this Board additional evidence to strengthen their claim, establishing that their warrant of 1795 had never ceased to be in force up to the year 1844, when they transmitted their warrant to England and received a new one, sanctioning all their proceedings as No. 733 English, and No. 10 Provincial, Register. Some members constituting that Lodge in 1805 are found to have been members thereof in 1843, notwithstanding which, however, this Board cannot recommend Grand Lodge to grant the prayer of Barton Lodge.

Regarding the prayer of the Brethren of Petrolia Lodge, at Petrolia, that the Officers of that Lodge having held office for upwards of twelve months while working under dispensation granted in 1866, permission be granted to the members of that Lodge to hold an election of Officers immediately on receiving their warrant, this Board recommends Grand Lodge to grant that prayer.

The Board having carefully examined and considered the gross irregularities in the proceedings of Prince Albert Lodge, No. 183, since its formation, as they appear from the minute-book of that Lodge, deemed them of such a serious and grave character that this Board would have had no alternative but to recommend the erasure of that Lodge. However, in consideration of the frank and honest acknowledgment of guilt personally made by the P. M., Bro. Baird, the W. M., Bro. Jas. Emmery, and the J. W., Bro. Sinclair, and their candid declaration that those irregularities and violations of the constitution resulted solely from a want of proper

knowledge, and not from any wilful neglect of duty, and also in consideration of their faithful promise to strictly conform hereafter to the rules and regulations of this Grand Lodge, wherewith, they assured the Board, they are now familiar, and also in consideration of the plea of mercy by said Officers, and the recommendation, and at the earnest solicitation, of the D. D. G. M. of Ontario District, R. W. Bro. Wm. McCabe, the Board recommends Grand Lodge to throw over the past proceedings of that Lodge the broad mantle of charity, that virtue the practice of which forms the basis of our time-honored fraternity.

The Board, notwithstanding their gross irregularities, feels justified in making this recommendation, being convinced that there was not the remotest intention on the part of the Officers of that Lodge to violate the rules and regulations of Grand Lodge; and the Board is also assured that the present Officers of Prince Albert Lodge are taking every means to acquaint themselves with the proper work.

Regarding the desire of the Brethren of King Hiram Lodge, No. 78, at Lindsay, to resuscitate that Lodge, the Board recommends that the question be referred to the D. D. G. M. for Ontario District, to take such action as he may deem best for the general interests of the Craft.

The Board has had brought under its notice the case of William John Stonier, initiated into Freemasonry in Great Western Lodge, No. 47, under the following circumstances :

Mr. Stonier was balloted for and accepted in Strict Observance Lodge, No. 27, but before his initiation removed to Windsor, where, within one year, he applied for initiation into Great Western Lodge.

Strict Observance Lodge was applied to for information; and on the 19th May, 1868, the Secretary of that Lodge wrote to the W. M. of Great Western Lodge, stating that "Mr. Stonier was balloted for and accepted in this Lodge previous to his removal from Hamilton, which removal prevented his being initiated here." The letter further recommended Mr. Stonier as in every way qualified to be made a Mason.

Upon the receipt of this letter, Great Western Lodge initiated Mr. Stonier, without his being either proposed or balloted for in the Lodge, but, as they allege, out of compliment to Strict Observance Lodge, and under the impression that the initiation made Mr. Stonier a member of Strict Observance Lodge.

The Board begs to report that this proceeding of Great Western Lodge was irregular; but the irregularity was due to a misapprehension on the part of the Lodge, their action being prompted by good motives, and influenced by an unauthorized letter from the Secretary of Strict Observance Lodge, bearing the seal of the Lodge.

Under the circumstances, it recommends that Bro. Stonier be considered an unaffiliated Mason, and that Great Western Lodge be permitted, if it so desire, to admit him as a member in the usual way, and confer upon him the other degrees previously thereto.

A. A. STEVENSON,

Pres. B. of G. P.

On motion of R. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, seconded by R. W. Bro. James Seymour, the report of the Board on Constitution and Regulations was received.

The scrutineers of the ballot for five members to serve on the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing term, reported the following named Brethren as having received the highest number of the votes cast, and who were declared duly elected, viz :

M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, Kingston,	Lodge No. 5.
" " " T. Douglas Harington, Ottawa,	" No. 148.
V. " " Otto Klotz, Preston,	" No. 72.
" " " James Bain, Toronto,	" No. 16.
R. " " Isaac H. Stearns, Lennoxville,	" No. 188.

The M. W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, Grand Master, proceeded with the ceremony of installing his successor in office.

The Grand Master elect, R. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, was then presented for installation, and having been duly obligated and invested, was placed on the Throne in the

Grand East, and having been thrice proclaimed, was saluted with the Grand Masonic Honors.

The M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, Grand Master, then proceeded with the investiture of the elective Grand Officers :

R. W. Bro. James Seymour,	Deputy Grand Master.
" " " John W. Murton,	" Senior Warden.
" " " Stevens Baker,	" Junior "
" " " Rev. Vincent Clementi,	" Chaplain.
" " " Henry Groff,	" Treasurer.
" " " Daniel Spry,	" Registrar.
" " " Thomas Bird Harris,	" Secretary.
V. " " Robert Noxon,	" Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro. John E. Brooke,	London	District.
" " " David Curtis,	Wilson	"
" " " Thomas Matheson,	Huron	"
" " " John Parry,	Hamilton	"
" " " M. H. Spencer,	Toronto	"
" " " William McCabe,	Ontario	"
" " " H. W. Day,	Prince Edward	"
" " " George M. Wilkinson,	St. Lawrence	"
" " " William Mostyn,	Ottawa	"
" " " Alexander Murray,	Montreal	"
" " " John H. Graham,	E. Townships	"
" " " Alexander Walker,	Quebec	"

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Kivas Tully, seconded by R. W. Bro. A. DeGrassi, and

RESOLVED,—That V. W. Bro. Jas. Bain be appointed to fill the vacancy, caused by the lamented death of R. W. Bro. R. Spence, in the Masonic Asylum Trust.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 3 o'clock, P.M.

M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, Grand Master,
On the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members, and Representatives.

R. W. Bro. James Seymour, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, submitted the following report on

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The Board begs leave to report that having respectfully considered the various subjects of interest to the Craft referred to in the M. W. Grand Master's instructive address, it cordially reciprocates his fraternal greeting on the auspicious circumstances under which the present Annual Communication is held.

It unites in the unfeigned grief so touchingly expressed in reference to the demise of the distinguished Brethren whose names appear in the obituary notice. The invaluable services rendered this Grand Lodge by the deceased, cannot be too highly prized; and to mark the esteem in which their memories are regarded, your Board would recommend that memorial pages be set apart in the printed proceedings, therein to record in the usual way a lasting tribute to their worth.

The atrocious assassination of a prominent and honored Canadian statesman by the hands of a midnight murderer, justly calls not only for execration by the masonic fraternity, but also for retributive justice from our civil authorities, who will be universally sustained in using all the power in their hands to protect life and crush out lawlessness, from whatever source it may proceed. The failure of the diabolical attempt to take the life of H. R. H. the Duke of Edinburgh, by another misguided assassin, is truly matter for profound gratefulness to the Most High, through whose providence our beloved Sovereign and the entire Empire were saved from the poignant grief his untimely death would have caused. In this connection, your Board would recommend that an humble address be prepared, expressive of the horror of this Grand Lodge at the outrage designed, and of our warm sympathy with Her Majesty in the trying ordeal through which her son was called to pass; that such address be engrossed, signed, and sealed, and transmitted for presentation through the Governor General.

The Board learns, with the sincerest pleasure, of the appointment of the distinguished Brother who now has the honor to represent the Grand Lodge of England at our present Communication, and heartily approves of the M. W. Grand Master's recommendation to confer upon him the honorary rank in his representative capacity, assured that his presence at our assemblages will always be hailed with the liveliest satisfaction.

The formation of a Grand Lodge in the Province of New Brunswick is a source of unalloyed pleasure, and your Board cheerfully concurs in the recognition to this sister Grand Body so deservedly commended.

The Board rejoices in the success which attended the public ceremonies at Port Dalhousie and Dundee, for which Special Grand Lodge Communications were convened, and learns with much interest that the effect produced on both occasions was decidedly beneficial to Masonry, in removing erroneous impressions and correcting pernicious opinions unjustly entertained.

The Board is pleased to learn that the invaluable services of the M. W. and R. W. Brethren who have received testimonials by order of Grand Lodge, have been thus fittingly rewarded, knowing full well that the recognition thus publicly attested is but a just tribute to past faithful devotion to its honor and prosperity. It also cordially concurs in the suggestion that some suitable acknowledgment should be made of the eminent services of M. W. Bro. Simpson, P. G. M.

The question of establishing a General Grand Lodge being one surrounded with issues that require the nicest discrimination, it is a source of much gratification to your Board to know that the matter has been treated with so much judicious caution by our M. W. Grand Master, who truly remarks that any precipitate haste on the part of indiscreet friends would assuredly retard the successful consummation of so desirable an end.

The organization of twelve new Lodges within this jurisdiction during the past year, is a gratifying evidence of the

growing popularity of Freemasonry, the beneficent principles of which need only to be known to be appreciated. Confidently believing that the Brethren concerned will realize the higher privileges and responsibilities thus assumed by them, your Board hails these new accessions to our fold with unmingled pleasure, and cheerfully commends them to the consideration of Grand Lodge for warrants of constitution.

The declaration that Masonry is not simply a benefit club must force itself upon every reflecting mind; for were that idea once to prevail, the higher mission of inculcating brotherly love and truth would soon pale before the mercenary one of dollars and cents. Therefore your Board regards the remarks of the M. W. Grand Master on this topic as well timed and in season, and earnestly commends them to the attention of those members whose opinions need more liberal development on so important a subject.

The necessity of uniform practice in administering our rites and ceremonies, cannot be too forcibly impressed upon the attention of W. Masters and others entrusted with authority to instruct. In this sense, your Board considers the exemplification of the *work* witnessed during the present Communication as well calculated to attain so desirable an end; and it cheerfully takes this opportunity of thanking the M. W. Grand Master for the judicious wisdom displayed in carrying out the long looked for wishes of the Craft throughout our jurisdiction in this matter.

The preservation of Masonry in its present proud position being mainly due to the conservatism which has handed it down through countless generations untainted and unimpaired, deservedly calls for special mention; and the more so, as the tendency of the age is to innovate by pernicious change, and mar a wondrous system of morality, carefully veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. May the wholesome reflections of our Grand Master on this point be carefully pondered over by young craftsmen, whose inclination to *alter* and *improve* will be much curbed thereby.

Your Board heartily approves of the suggestion that the Asylum Fund should appear in the Grand Treasurer's books,

to show at a glance all the funds owned by this Grand Lodge, and in future it will carry out the proposal.

In closing this review, your Board sincerely sympathizes with our M. W. Grand Master in the severe illness through which he has recently passed; and while commending him to the care of that all-wise Creator who doeth all things well, it fervently prays that not only may he enjoy long life, happiness, and prosperity, but that the day may be far distant when he will cease to labor in the vineyard of Masonry, or withdraw from us that wisdom, prudence, fortitude and justice which have rendered his name honored, and added so much to the welfare of this Grand Lodge.

The importance of electing well-skilled Brethren to preside over subordinate Lodges, is a subject that commends itself to the earnest consideration of every Mason; and your Board earnestly hopes that the well-timed reference thereto will be treasured up, and become the means of securing much-needed improvement in this particular.

A. A. STEVENSON,

Pres. B. of G. P.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James Seymour, seconded by R. W. Bro. F. Westlake, and

RESOLVED,—That the report of the Board on Grand Master's Address be received and adopted.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to make the following appointments as members of the Board of General Purposes for the next ensuing term:

R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, Owen Sound,	Lodge No. 88.
V. " " Thomas White, jun., Hamilton,	" No. 61.
" " " John Clarke, Simcoe,	" No. 10.
" " M. Gutman, Montreal,	Antiquity "
" " Hon. Thos. Wood, Dunham,	" No. 1.

The consideration of the reports of the Board was resumed.

On Constitution and Regulations.—See pages 604, 605, 606.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James Moffat, seconded by V. W. Bro. W. W. Pringle,

That the report on Constitution and Regulations be adopted.

In amendment,

It was moved by M. W. Bro. A. Bernard, seconded by R. W. Bro. John H. Graham,

That so much of the report as refers to the application of Barton Lodge, No. 6, to be permitted to wear gold jewels and lace instead of silver, be amended by striking out the word "cannot," thus granting the prayer of the petitioners, and the report as so amended be adopted.

A vote of Grand Lodge having been taken on the amendment, it was declared in the affirmative, and the report, as amended, was adopted.

Continuation of the report of the Board was resumed.

On Masonic Asylum Trust.—See pages 596, 597, 598, 599.

R. W. Bro. James Seymour moved for the adoption of the report.

In amendment,

It was moved by M. W. Bro. A. Bernard, seconded by R. W. Bro. F. Westlake,

That it is the opinion of Grand Lodge that the Asylum Trust should be abolished; and that the Board of General Purposes be directed to consider and report upon the proper disposition to be made of such portion of the Asylum Fund as has been contributed by private Lodges or individual Brethren, the remainder to be transferred to the General Fund of Grand Lodge.

A very interesting discussion occurred on this motion; and the whole scheme of the Masonic Asylum having been fully considered, the following amendment to the amendment was proposed by R. W. Bro. John H. Graham, seconded by R. W. Bro. M. H. Spencer,

That the further consideration of matter pertaining to the Masonic Asylum Trust Fund, and the disposal of the funds contributed towards

the establishment of a Masonic Asylum, be postponed until the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

This amendment being accepted by M. W. Bro. Bernard, upon a vote of Grand Lodge it was declared adopted.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. A. Bernard, seconded by V. W. Bro. W. W. Pringle, and

RESOLVED,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby heartily tendered, to the Brethren of London, for the ample and satisfactory arrangements made for the meeting of Grand Lodge.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. A. Bernard, seconded by R. W. Bro. M. H. Spencer, and unanimously

RESOLVED,—That the thanks of Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to the Grand Trunk, Great Western, Buffalo and Lake Huron, St. Lawrence and Ottawa, Shefford, Stanstead and Chambly, and Northern Railways,—the Canadian Steam Navigation Company, and the Richlieu Steam Navigation Company,—for having kindly extended to delegates the privilege of attending Grand Lodge at greatly reduced rates.

It was moved by W. Bro. Dr. Billington, seconded by W. Bro. Bickell, and

RESOLVED,—That a vote of thanks be tendered to the "Press" of the city of London, and also to others of the Province, for the reports of the meeting of this Grand Body.

It was moved by W. Bro. Dr. Billington, seconded by V. W. Bro. W. W. Pringle, and

RESOLVED,—That the M. W. the Grand Master, the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, and the R. W. the Grand Secretary, be a Standing Committee to devise the best means of instructing the Lodges in the ritual as recognized by Grand Lodge.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. A. Bernard, seconded by R. W. Bro. James Seymour, and

RESOLVED,—That a cordial vote of thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the Committee on Credentials, and to the Scrutineers, for the efficient and painstaking discharge of the laborious duties devolving upon them.

R. W. Bro. James Seymour, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following supplementary report on Constitution and Regulations.

REPORT.

The Board has had brought under its notice, by Irving Lodge, No. 154, Lucan, the following case :

A person residing at Ingersoll removed to Lucan, where he remained about nine months, certainly less than twelve. During his residence there he made application to St. John's Lodge, No. 68, Ingersoll, for the degrees of Masonry. It received his petition, and initiated him. It is complained by Irving Lodge, that in doing this, St. John's Lodge violated Article 2, "Of Proposing Members," in the Book of Constitution.

The Board begs to report, that in its opinion the candidate could not, until the expiration of one year, become masonically a resident of Lucan or under the jurisdiction of Irving Lodge, and therefore continued to be masonically within the jurisdiction of St. John's Lodge, Ingersoll, who acted rightly in the matter.

At the same time, the Board considers that, as an act of courtesy, St. John's Lodge should have consulted Irving Lodge before admitting the candidate.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. A. STEVENSON,

Pres. B. of G. P.

R. W. Bro. James Seymour moved that the foregoing report be adopted.

In amendment,

It was moved by the Grand Secretary, that inasmuch as the last clause of the report contained an implied censure on St. John's Lodge for having acted rightly, it be struck out, and the report as so amended be adopted.

On a vote of Grand Lodge, the report as so amended was adopted.

The M. W. Grand Master has been pleased to notify the Grand Secretary of the following appointments to office for the ensuing year, viz :

V. W. Bro. John King, St. Catharines,	Grand Senior Deacon.
" " " Daniel Thomas, Sherbrooke,	" Junior "
" " " Augustus T. Houel, Toronto,	" Sup't of Works.
" " " John Taylor, Belleville,	" Dir. of Ceremonies.
" " " Edward Mitchell, Hamilton,	Asst. " Secretary.
" " " Edward C. Barber, Ottawa,	Asst. " Dir. of Ceremonies.
" " " Frederick Mudge, Brantford,	" Sword Bearer.
" " " George A. Pearce, Montreal,	" Organist.
" " " A. E. Fife, Brighton,	Asst. " "
" " " James Might, Millbrook,	" Pursuivant.

Grand Stewards.—V. W. Bros. L. W. Decker, Philipsburgh ; Charles Cameron, Peterboro' ; W. B. Irving, Dundas ; Robt. Hendry, jr., Kingston ; J. Quigg, Brockville ; J. Billington, Delaware ; S. J. J. Brown, Niagara ; John J. Gemmell, Ottawa ; Allan McLean, Ingersoll ; H. T. Wood, Picton ; Isaac B. Futvoye, St. Johns' ; C. Joncas, jr., Quebec.

The labors of Grand Lodge being ended, it was closed in Ample form, with solemn prayer, at 6 o'clock, P. M.

ATTEST.



W. B. Irving

G. Sec'y.

GRAND SECRETARY'S ACCOUNT.

THOS. B. HARRIS, *Grand Secretary, in account current with Grand Lodge.**Moneys received from the 1st January to the 31st December, 1867:*

NO.	NAMES OF LODGES.	\$ cts.	NO.	NAMES OF LODGES.	\$ cts.
—	Antiquity Lodge, Montreal.....	39 75	71	Brought forward.....	\$3137 69
1	Prevost, Dunham.....	68 00	72	Victoria, Sherbrooke.....	38 75
2	Niagara, Niagara.....	42 00	73	Alma, Galt.....	129 25
3	St. John's, Kingston.....	106 00	74	St. James', St. Mary's.....	44 20
4	Dorchester, St. John's.....	16 75	75	St. James', Maitland.....	66 00
5	Sussex, Brockville.....	50 00	76	St. John's, Toronto.....	133 25
6	Barton, Hamilton.....	68 00	77	Oxford, Woodstock.....	13 00
7	Union, Grimsby.....	29 50	78	King Hiram, Tilsonburgh.....	23 25
8	Nelson, Phillipsburgh.....	96 25	79	Simeoe, Bradford.....	13 00
9	Union, Napanee.....	58 75	80	Albion, Newbury.....	16 16
10	Norfolk, Simeoe.....	48 75	81	St. John's, Delaware.....	34 00
11	Moir, Belleville.....	38 00	82	St. John's, Paris.....	34 00
12	Golden Rule, Stanstead.....	118 75	83	Beaver, Strathroy.....	91 25
13	St. George's, St. Catharines.....	43 50	84	Clinton, Clinton.....	30 25
14	St. Andrew's, Toronto.....	61 75	85	Wilson, Toronto.....	114 50
15	St. John's, Cobourg.....	28 75	86	Markham Union, Markham.....	26 00
16	Prince Edward's, Picton.....	119 25	87	St. George's, Owen Sound.....	31 10
17	St. George's, Montreal.....	108 00	88	Manito, Collingwood.....	64 50
18	St. John's, London.....	52 75	89	Colborne, Colborne.....	32 50
19	Zetland, Montreal.....	69 00	90	Catarqui, Kingston.....	29 75
20	King Solomon's, Toronto.....	90 50	91	Northern Light, Kincardine.....	25 00
21	Richmond, Richmond Hill.....	63 85	92	St. Mark's, Port Stanley.....	25 00
22	Ionic, Toronto.....	16 75	93	Ridout, Otterville.....	10 00
23	Ontario, Port Hope.....	21 50	94	Corinthian, Barrie.....	51 00
24	Strict Observance, Hamilton.....	63 25	95	Sharon, Sharon.....	19 25
25	Mount Zion, Kemptville.....	34 00	96	True Blue, Albion.....	9 25
26	United, Brighton.....	36 10	97	Tuscan, Newmarket.....	21 00
27	Composite, Whitby.....	39 00	98	Corinthian, Peterboro'.....	22 50
28	Jerusalem, Bowmanville.....	22 25	99	Maple Leaf, St. Catharines.....	42 75
29	Amity, Dunnville.....	52 00	100	St. John's, Norwichville.....	8 75
30	St. John's, Cayuga.....	24 50	101	St. Marks, Drummondville.....	46 00
31	Welland, Fonthill.....	27 75	102	Burford, Burford.....	58 50
32	King Hiram, Ingersoll.....	24 00	103	St. Paul's, Lambeth.....	54 00
33	Trent, Trenton.....	45 25	104	Blenheim, Drumbo.....	25 00
34	St. John's, Hamilton.....	72 50	105	Albion, Harrowsmith.....	25 00
35	St. George's, Kingsville.....	62 62	106	Maitland, Goderich.....	62 00
36	St. George's, London.....	60 00	107	Wilson, Waterford.....	62 50
37	King Solomon's, Woodstock.....	55 00	108	Ivy, Smithville.....	14 25
38	St. Thomas, St. Thomas.....	44 75	109	Cassia, Widder.....	41 75
39	Brant, Brantford.....	61 00	110	Stanbridge, Stanbridge.....	61 75
40	Wellington, Chatham.....	37 37	111	Union, Lloydtown.....	14 00
41	Great Western, Windsor.....	48 50	112	Warren, Fingal.....	43 52
42	Madoc, Madoc.....	10 00	113	Doric, Brantford.....	62 75
43	Harington, Quebec.....	62 25	114	Renfrew, Renfrew.....	11 25
44	Consecon, Consecon.....	19 00	115	The Belleville, Belleville.....	45 75
45	Corinthian, Grahamville.....	5 75	116	Montreal Kilwinning, Montreal.....	162 25
46	Sheffield, Waterloo.....	65 75	117	Cornwall, Cornwall.....	14 75
47	Vaughan, Maple.....	26 00	118	Golden Rule, Campbellsford.....	12 00
48	Victoria, Sarnia.....	108 75	119	France, Frankford.....	19 00
49	Harmony, Binbrook.....	27 00	120	Pembroke, Pembroke.....	8 50
50	Doric, Ottawa.....	68 75	121	The Rising Sun, Anroa.....	26 00
51	Corinthian, Ottawa.....	85 25	122	Yamaska, Granby.....	28 00
52	Hoyle, La Colle.....	16 50	123	St. Lawrence, Sonthampton.....	57 00
53	Acacia, Hamilton.....	49 50	124	Lebanon Forest, Franceton.....	82 50
54	St. Andrew's, Caledonia.....	70 00	125	Shawenegam, Three Rivers.....	15 50
55	Simeoe.....	34 00	126	St. Clair, Milton.....	61 00
56	Kilwinning, London.....	81 75	127	Richardson, Stouffville.....	35 00
57	Durham, Newcastle.....	42 00	128	Pythagoras, Meaford.....	15 25
58	St. Francis, Richmond.....	35 25	129	Aylmer, Aylmer, Q.....	29 50
59	St. John's, Ingersoll.....	31 00	130	Lebanon, Oshawa.....	47 25
60	Stirling, Stirling.....	31 25	131	Malahide, Aylmer, Ont.....	47 00
61	King.....	2 00	132	Tudor, Mitchell.....	14 00
			133	Excelsior, Morrisburgh.....	58 00
Carried forward.....		\$3,137 69	Carried forward.....		\$5,697 42

Grand Secretary's Account Current.—[Continued.]

No.	NAMES OF LODGES.	\$ cts.	No.	NAMES OF LODGES.	\$ cts.
	Brought forward.....	\$5697 42		Brought forward.....	\$6727 72
143	Friendly Brothers, Iroquois ...	47 25	174	Walsingham, Port Rowan	59 80
144	Tecumseh, Stratford.....	92 75	175	Saint John's, South Potton....	48 00
145	J. B. Hall, Millbrook.....	8 25	176	Spartan, Sparta	23 25
146	Prince of Wales, Newburgh ...	35 75	177	The Builders', Ottawa.....	72 50
147	Mississippi, Almonte.....	43 25	178	Plattsville, Plattsville	44 00
148	Civil Service, Seat of Gov't....	25 00	179	Bothwell, Bothwell.....	34 50
150	Hastings, Hastings	39 50	180	Speed, Guelph	17 00
151	The Grand River, Berlin	51 75	181	Oriental, Port Burwell.....	60 75
152	Clarenceville, Clarenceville....	10 30	182	Tuscan, Levis.....	67 25
153	Burns, Wyoming.. ..	33 00	183	Prince Albert, Prince Albert...	22 00
154	Irving, Lucan	26 00	184	Old Light, Lucknow.....	20 00
155	Peterborough, Peterborough...	44 25	185	Enniskillen, York.....	30 00
156	York, Eglinton.....	34 00	186	Plantagenet, Plantagenet.....	44 00
158	Alexandra, Oil Springs	34 25	187	Royal Canadian, Sweetsburgh..	30 00
159	Goodwood, Richmond, Ont....	25 50	188	Ascot, Lennoxville.....	60 50
160	Quebec Garrison, Quebec.....	86 25	189	Filius Viduæ, Adolphustown..	36 50
161	Percy, Warkworth	7 75	190	Belmont, Belmont.....	70 00
162	Forest, Wroxeter.....	14 00	191	Ashlar, Coaticook.....	51 50
163	Browne, West Farnham.....	27 25	192	Orillia, Orillia	50 50
164	Star in the East, Wellington...	25 00	193	Scotland, Scotland	42 75
165	Burlington, Wellington Sq....	7 50	U. D. The Tuscan, London	20 00	
166	Wentworth, Stoney Creek	24 25	U. D. Saugeen, Walkerton.....	20 00	
167	Royal Albert, Montreal.....	57 50	Constitutions.....	11 75	
168	Merritt, Welland.....	44 25	C. L. Beard.....	4 00	
169	Macnab, Port Colborne.....	18 50	D. Fraser, D.D.G.M.....	3 00	
170	Britannia, Seaforth.....	25 50	Charles Kahn, D.D.G.M.....	4 00	
171	Prince of Wales, Iona.....	55 00	A. Murray.....	12 50	
172	Ayr, Ayr	44 75	M. A. Fund.....	335 56	
173	Victoria, Montreal	42 00			
	Carried forward.....	\$6,727 72		Total.....	\$8,033 33



CASH STATEMENT.

Dr.	1867.	1867.	By Grand Treasurer	Cr.
Dec. 31.—To Cash as per Statement from Lodges.....	\$ 7,652 52	Jan. 28.—	“	\$ 500 00
“ “ Constitutions	11 75	Feb. 9.—	“	368 83
“ “ C. L. Beard	4 00	“ 21.—	“	86 00
“ “ A. Murray	12 50	March 26.—	“	117 62
“ “ D. Fraser, D.D.G.M., E. T. Dist....	3 00	April 2.—	“	419 75
“ “ C. Kahn, D.D.G.M. Huron Dist....	4 00	May 15.—	“	87 35
“ “ Masonic Asylum Fund.....	335 56	“ 1.—	“	141 75
		“ 10.—	“	187 50
		“ 16.—	“	202 50
		“ 30.—	“	136 00
		June 12.—	“	132 00
		“ 27.—	“	126 35
		“ 29.—	“	487 75
		“ 29.—	“	300 00
		“ 29.—	“	302 75
		“ 29.—	“	300 56
		July 25.—	“	1800 00
		Aug. 31.—	“	400 00
		Sept. 20.—	“	244 30
		“ 28.—	“	208 00
		Oct. 15.—	“	108 25
		Nov. 18.—	“	175 00
		Dec. 2.—	“	81 00
		“ 14.—	“	98 50
		“ 31.—	“	611 27
		“ 31.—	“	400 30
	<u>\$8,023 33</u>			<u>\$8,023 33</u>

RECAPITULATION OF RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st Dec., 1867.

For Certificates.	\$2,118 00
“ Dues.	3,366 50
“ Fees.	1,413 50
“ Dispensations.	351 00
“ Warrants.	100 00
“ Constitutions.	304 27
“ Proceedings.	34 50
Donations Masonic Asylum Fund.	335 56
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	\$8,023 33

JAMES BAIN, } For Sub-Committee.
JOHN KERR, }

Audited and found correct.

MASONIC ASYLUM DONATIONS.

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Dr. The Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons of Canada

1867.		Am't.	Days to	Int't.
		\$ c.	31st Dec.	\$ c.
July	29.—To paid Cheque No. 79.....	163 06	155	2 76
	30.—" " " 82.....	101 50		
	30.—" " " 81.....	3 75	154	1 77
	31.—" " " 72.....	20 00		
	31.—" " " 76.....	100 00		
	31.—" " " 77.....	13 25		
	31.—" " " 83.....	56 00	153	3 16
Aug.	1.—" " " 57.....	30 00		
	1.—" " " 83.....	40 00		
	2.—" " " 61.....	20 00		
	2.—" " " 70.....	20 00		
	2.—" " " 71.....	20 00	152	2 15
	6.—" " " 80.....	3 00		
	7.—" " " 78.....	220 00		
	7.—" " " 74.....	45 00	147	4 20
	12.—" " " 59.....	20 00	141	0 30
	14.—" " " 58.....	20 00		
	14.—" " " 68.....	40 00		
	14.—" " " 63.....	40 00	139	1 53
	15.—" " " 65.....	20 00	138	0 29
	17.—" " " 66.....	50 00	136	0 74
	28.—" " " 67.....	20 00		
	28.—" " " 73.....	40 00		
	28.—" " " 75.....	100 00	125	2 20
Oct.	1.—" " " 56.....	20 00	91	0 20
	4.—" " " 69.....	20 00	88	0 18
	9.—" " " 62.....	20 00	83	0 18
	14.—" " " 86.....	185 00		
	15.—" " " 84.....	6 88	78	1 64
	18.—" " " 85.....	300 00	76	2 51
Nov.	22.—" " " 8.....	50 00	39	0 22
1868.				
Jan.	2.—" " " 89.....	30 00		
	2.—" " " 88.....	300 00		
Balance of Interest				129 68
To Balance.....		7,886 53		<u>\$153 71</u>
		<u>\$10,023 97</u>		

GORE BANK, SIMCOE, 4th January, 1868.

E. E.

Audited and found correct.

*in account current with the Gore Bank, Simcoe.**Cr.*

1867.		Am't.	Days to	Int't.
		\$ c.	31st Dec.	\$ c.
July	2.—By balance per account rendered...	5,159 67	184	104 03
	27.—By deposit from Henry Groff	1,800 00	157	30 96
Sept.	3.—" " " "	400 00	119	5 23
	14.—" " " "	560 00	108	6 62
	23.—" " " "	244 30	99	2 68
Oct.	1.—" " " "	208 00	91	2 11
	17.—" " " "	108 25	75	0 89
Nov.	20.—" " " "	175 00	41	0 78
Dec.	3.—" " " "	81 00	28	0 26
	17.—" " " "	98 50	14	0 15
1868.				
Jan.	2.—" " " "	611 27		
	4.—" " " "	48 00		
	4.—" " " "	400 30		
	Balance of Interest.....	129 68		

\$153 71

\$10,023 97

By balance brought down....\$7,886 53 .

DUNCAN CAMPBELL, *Manager.*
 JAMES BAIN, }
 JOHN KERR, } For Sub-Committee.

ANNALS

Dr.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in account with HENRY GROFF, Grand Treasurer.

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29.—	"	79, T. & R. White, for printing, etc...	163 06	23.—	"	deposit in Gore Bank by (Grand Secy..	209 30
30.—	"	82, Richard Haigh, for binding Constitutions, etc.....	101 50	28.—	"	"	208 00
			3 75	Oct.	"	"	108 25
31.—	"	81, Thomas Myles, for coals.....	100 00	17.—	"	"	175 00
		76, Thomas B. Harris, for contingent expenses	13 25	18.—	"	"	81 00
	"	77, Thos. B. Harris, for expenses of Board Meeting.....	56 00	2.—	"	"	98 50
	"	83, Thomas B. Harris, for expenses of Grand Lodge Communication in 1867	3 00	14.—	"	"	611 27
August 5.—	"	80, Buntin, Gillies and Co., for envelopes, etc	45 00	31.—	"	"	
7.—	"	74, F. Richardson, for Deputy Grand Master's apron.....	220 00				
	"	78, W. C. Chewett & Co., for Grand Lodge Certificates.....	100 00				
28.—	"	75, Mrs. Thos. G. Ridout.....	300 00				
Oct. 9.—	"	85, Grand Secretary, quarter's salary ..	185 00				
14.—	"	86, R. Hendrey & Co., for testimonial to Grand Secretary.....	50 00				
Nov. 22.—	"	8, of 1866, to J. H. Graham, for monument to late R. W. Bro. Scott.....	6 88				
	"	84, W. Brown & Co., for stationery...	300 00				
Dec. 31.—	"	88, Grand Secretary, quarter's salary..	30 00				
	"	89, Grand Secretary, for half-year's office rent.....	16,813 20				
		Balance.....	\$21,090 25				
				Jan.	4.—	balance on hand.....	\$16,813 20

SIMCOE, 4th January, 1868.

E. E.

HENRY GROFF, *Grand Treasurer.*

Audited and found correct.

FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.—[Current Account.]

Dr. *The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in account with HENRY GROFF, Grand Treasurer.* Cr.

1867.

To paid the President's orders, viz:

		\$	cts.
Mar.	23.—No. 40, Mrs. C.....	20	00
	27.—" 41, Bro. C.....	20	00
	" 48, Bro. Q.....	20	00
	" 49, Orphans of Bro. C.....	40	00
	28.—" 44, Mrs. D.....	20	00
	" 50, Mrs. C.....	20	00
	29.—" 52, Bro. H.....	20	00
	" 51, Bro. G.....	40	00
April	3.—" 9, Mrs. W.....	50	00
	8.—" 47, Bro. M.....	20	00
	" 38, Mrs. F.....	40	00
	" 43, Mrs. W.....	25	00
	9.—" 42, Mrs. B.....	25	00
	30.—" 46, Bro. W.....	20	00
	" 45, Mrs. C.....	20	00
May	9.—" 39, Orphans of Bro. W.....	50	00
July	31.—" 72, Bro. H.....	30	00
Aug.	1.—" 57, Mrs. R.....	30	00
	" 64, Mrs. P.....	40	00
	2.—" 61, Mrs. F.....	20	00
	" 70, Mrs. C.....	20	00
	" 71, Mrs. P.....	20	00
	12.—" 59, Bro. McC.....	20	00
	14.—" 58, Bro. G.....	20	00
	" 63, Bro. R.....	40	00
	" 68, Orphans of Bro. C.....	40	00

1867.

	1867.	\$	cts.
Jan.	1.—By balance per account rendered.....	390	64
April	15.—" interest to 28th February on this Fund's proportion of the Provincial Debentures.....	192	27
June	29.—" interest on County of Middlesex Debentures for six months.....	48	00
Sept.	14.—" interest to 30th June on this Fund's proportion of Provincial Debentures at that date.....	184	10
	" interest from 1st July to 31st August on this Fund's and General Fund's proportion of Prov. Debentures....	181	21
1868.			
Jan.	4.—" interest on County of Middlesex Debentures for six months.....	48	00
	" interest on Gore Bank deposit account for six months.....	129	68

15.—	"	65,	Bro. B.	20	00
17.—	"	66,	Bro. W.	50	00
28.—	"	67,	Miss S.	20	00
	"	73,	Mrs. F.	40	00
Oct.	1.—	"	Mrs. D.	20	00
	4.—	"	Mrs. D.	20	00
	9.—	"	Mrs. B.	20	00
			Balance.....	263	90
				<u>\$1,173</u>	<u>90</u>

\$1,173 90

Balance on hand belonging to this fund.....\$263 90

SIMCOE, 17th January, 1868.

E. E.

HENRY GROFF, *Grand Treasurer.*

Audited and found correct.

JOHN KERR, } For Sub-Committee.
JAMES BAIN, }

To the above may be added interest on the Provincial Debentures from 1st Sept. to 31st Dec., which will be available on the 1st March, when the interest for the half-year becomes due\$362 88

FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.—[Investment Account.]

The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in account with HENRY GROFF, Grand Treasurer.

1867—January 1.—	By balance per account rendered and audited.....	\$7,230	53
2.—	" transferred from General Fund out of receipts for 1866.....	659	71
1868—January 4.—	" amount on hand belonging to this Fund	<u>\$7,890</u>	<u>24</u>

SIMCOE, 4th January, 1868.

E. E.

HENRY GROFF, *Grand Treasurer.*

Audited and found correct.

JOHN KERR.
JAMES BAIN.

ASYLUM FUND.

1867.

	\$	c.
January 1.—By balance per account rendered and audited.....	161	94
April 15.—“ this Fund's proportion of interest to 28th February, of Provincial Debentures	5	31
July 2.—“ deposit in Gore Bank by Grand Secretary	300	56
Sept. 14.—“ this Fund's proportion of interest to 31st August, of Provincial Debentures.....	16	38
23.—“ deposit in Gore Bank by Grand Secretary	35	00
1868.		
January 4.—“ amount on hand in the Grand Treasurer's books belonging to this Fund.....	\$519	19
Simcoe, 4th January, 1868.	Audited and found correct.	E. E. HENRY GROFF, <i>Grand Treasurer.</i>

BALANCE SHEET.

Debentures, viz :				
County of Middlesex.....	\$ 1,600	00	General Fund	\$16,813 20
Provincial	16,000	00	Asylum Fund.....	519 19
	—————	\$17,600	Benevolent Fund, investment account	7,890 24
Gore Bank, Simcoe.....		7,886 53	Benevolent Fund, current account.....	263 90
		—————		
		\$25,486 53		\$25,486 53
SIMCOE, 4th January, 1868.		Audited and found correct.	E. E.	HENRY GROFF, <i>Grand Treasurer.</i>

MASONIC ASYLUM TRUST FUND.

1867.

	\$	cts.
December 31.—Provincial Debentures as previously reported.....	3,800	00
Balance deposited in Bank of Montreal.....	19	46
Accumulated interest on Provincial Debentures, from September 6th, 1866, to 3rd December, 1867, about	310	00
In hands of Grand Treasurer, on call....	519	19
	\$4,648	65

RETURN OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, RENDERED 24th JUNE, 1868.

Lodges marked (*) held their Installation of Officers on the Festival of St. John the Evangelist; all others on that of St. John the Baptist.

NO.	LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	W. MASTER.	SECRETARY.
—	•Antiquity Lodge ..	Montreal....	First Thursday.....of every month	W. Br. M. Gutman.	Br. R. Rowe.
1	•Prevoist	Dunham	Tuesday preceding full moon....	" Stevens Baker ..	" Eli E. Spencer.
2	•Niagara	Niagara	Wednesday on or before full moon	" Henry J. Brown ..	" Pedro Alina.
3	•St. John's	Kingston	First Thursday	" G. M. Wilkinson ..	" John M. Horsey.
4	•Dorchester	St. John's	First Tuesday	" R. Douglass....	" E. R. Smith.
5	•Sussex	Brockville	Wednesday on or preceding f. m.	" T. Wilkinson....	" Alex. Stewart.
6	•Barton	Hamilton	Second Wednesday	" Wm. Edgar	" J. B. Eager.
7	•Union	Grimsby	Thursday on or before full moon.	" Robert Kemp....	" W. S. Spillette.
8	•Nelson	Phillipsburgh	Thursday on or before full moon.	" L. W. Decker....	" P. E. Lanke.
9	•Union	Napanee	Friday before full moon.....	" F. Richardson ..	" Charles James.
10	•Norfolk	Simcoe	Tuesday on or before full moon..	" John Clarke....	" Amos A. Merrill.
11	•Moira	Belleville	Wednesday on or preceding f. m.	" N. B. Falkner ..	" Robert L. Innes.
12	•Golden Rule.....	Starstead	Tuesday on or before full moon..	" T. Stevenson....	" Wm. S. Foster.
14	•True Briton's	Perth	First Monday	"	" J. A. MacLaren.
15	•St. George's	St. Catharines	Tuesday on or before full moon..	" Lucius L. Oille ..	" Jas. McEdward.
16	•St. Andrew's	Toronto	Second Tuesday	" J. Adams M. D. ..	" W. L. Wilkinson.
17	•St. John's	Cobourg	Monday on or before full moon....	" W. I. Stanton ..	" James Austin.
18	•Prince Edward's...	Pictou	Monday on or preceding f. m.	" Henry T. Wood ..	" Thos. Shannon.
19	•St. George's	Montreal.....	Third Tuesday.....	" C. E. Mortimer ..	" S. F. Montague.
20	•St. John's	London	Second Tuesday.....	" James Moffat....	" John H. Bell.
21	•Zetland	Montreal.....	Second Thursday	" W. Armstrong ..	" Jas. Henderson.
22	•King Solomon's...	Toronto	Second Thursday	" Daniel Spry	" Chas. L. Roberts.
23	•Richmond	Richm'd Hill	Thursday on or before full moon.	" A. L. Skeel	" J. M. Lawrence.
25	•Ionic	Toronto	First Tuesday	" R. P. Stephens ..	" A. R. Boswell.
26	•Ontario	Port Hope....	Third Thursday.....	" James Marshall ..	" Peter Duncan.
27	•Strict Observance.	Hamilton	Third Tuesday	" F. C. Bruce	" A. J. Nuthall.
28	•Mount Zion	Kemptville..	Wednesday preceding full moon..	" Walter Kerr....	" W. R. Anderson.
29	•United	Brighton	Thursday before full moon	" E. W. Edwards..	" W. A. Mayhew.
30	•Composite	Whitby	First Thursday	" R. J. Wilson....	" George Hopkins.
31	•Jerusalem	Bowmanville.	Wednesday on or before full moon	" B. Patterson....	" Wm. Wright.

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.—[CONTINUED.]

NO.	LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	W. MASTER.	SECRETARY.
32	*Amity	Dunville...	Wednesday after full moon Of every month	W. Br. L. McCallum	Br. C. E. S. Black.
34	*Thistle	Amberstburg	Tuesday before full moon	" George Gott...	" John A. Kane.
35	*St. John's	Cayuga	Thursday on or after full moon ..	" D. Cameron...	" James Hurssell.
36	*Welland	Fonthill	Thursday on or before full moon.	" N. C. Holcomb.	" Henry Mussen.
37	*King Hiram	Ingersoll	Tuesday on or before full moon..	" James Canfield.	" Hugh Kerr.
38	*Trent	Trenton	Tuesday before full moon	" H. W. Day....	" David Roblin.
39	*Mount Zion	Brooklin	Tuesday on or preceding f. m....	" J. P. Campbell.	" James Powell.
40	*St. John's	Hamilton	Third Thursday	" George Walker.	" Alex. Rutherford.
41	*St. George's	Kingsville ..	Thursday on or before full moon.	" John B. Black.	" J. S. Middough.
42	*St. George's	London	First Thursday	" Thomas Beattie	" George Ellis.
43	*King Solomon's....	Woodstock..	Tuesday on or before full moon..	" James S. Scarff.	" Chas. E. McGee.
44	*St. Thomas	St. Thomas..	First Thursday	" John E. Smith.	" George Scarff.
45	*Brant	Brantford ..	Tuesday on or before full moon..	" F. Mudge	" R. A. Duncan.
46	*Wellington	Chatham	Second Monday	" John E. Brooke	" J. H. Luscombe.
47	*Great Western	Windsor	Thursday on or before full moon.	" A. J. Kennedy.	" Thos. Burnie.
48	*Madoc	Quebec	Tuesday on or before full moon..	" B. H. Maybee..	" Jas. O'Hara, jr.
49	*Harington	Consecon	Third Thursday	" John Tweddell.	" Chas. Jonas, jr.
50	*Consecon	Grahamville.	Friday on or before full moon ..	" S. B. Nethery..	" Levi C. Bailey.
51	*Corinthian	Waterloo	Tuesday on or before full moon..	" Joseph Figg...	" C. Burrell.
53	*Shefford	Maple	First Monday	" G. H. Allen....	" John P. Noyes.
54	*Vaughan	Mirickville..	Tuesday on or before full moon..	" P. Patterson...	" Albert Willson.
55	*Mirickville	Sarnia	Tuesday after full moon	" Thomas Geer...	" Thos. Ballantyne
56	*Victoria	Binbrook	Tuesday before full moon	" R. S. Gurd.....	" Julius P. Bucke.
57	*Harmony	Ottawa	Monday after full moon	" John Brown Jr.	" Robt. H. Biggar.
58	*Doric	Ottawa	First Wednesday	" J. G. Gemmell.	" D. P. Williams.
59	*Corinthian	La Colle	Third Thursday	" Ed. C. Barber..	" Alex. H. Taylor.
60	*Hoyle	Hamilton	Second Tuesday	" D. Galt	" D. Vosburgh.
61	*Acacia	Caledonia	Fourth Friday	" E. Mitchell....	" H. Burkholder.
62	*St. Andrew's	London	Wednesday on or before full moon	" D. E. Broderick	" Mat. Howard.
64	*Kilwinning	Newcastle...	Third Thursday	" M. F. Morgan..	" T. F. McMullen.
66	*Durham	Newcastle...	Friday on or before full moon...	" R. T. Wilkinson	" M. W. Bayly.

67	*St. Francis	Richmond	First Thursday	Edwin Cleveland
68	*St. John's	Ingersoll	Thursday on or before full moon	" J. B. Crawford
69	Stirling	Stirling	Thursday after full moon	" Richard Finch
71	*Victoria	Sherbrooke	Second Tuesday	" Edm. F. Walker
72	Alma	Galt	Thursday on or before full moon	" William O. Hay
73	*St. James'	St. Mary's	First Monday	" E. W. Harding
74	*St. James'	Maitland	Monday nearest full moon	" G. H. McHenry
75	St. John's	Toronto	First Monday	" Henry Scott
76	*Oxford	Woodstock	Second Wednesday	" Chas. L. Beard
77	*Faithful Brethren	Lindsay	First Thursday	" D. Macdonald, jr.
78	*King William	Tilsonburgh	Wednesday on or before full moon	" W. K. Healey
79	Simcoe	Bradford	Thursday after full moon	" Edward Marrow
80	Albion	Newbury	First Tuesday	" Thomas Grover
81	*St. John's	Mt. Brydges	Tuesday on or before full moon	" Ephraim Nash
82	St. John's	Paris	First Tuesday	" W. S. Wilkinson
83	*Beaver	Strathroy	Friday on or after full moon	" Joseph C. Small
84	Clinton	Clinton	Wednesday on or after full moon	" Joseph Watson
85	Rising Sun	Farmersville	Thursday nearest full moon	" Wm. H. Giles
86	*Wilson	Toronto	Third Tuesday	" Alex. Patterson
87	Markham Union	Markham	Friday on or before full moon	" Robert Vardon
88	St. George's	Owen Sound	Wednesday on or before full moon	" David R. Dobie
90	*Manito	Collingwood	Wednesday on or after full moon	" Joseph Jardine
91	Colborne	Colborne	Friday on or before full moon	" A. Vars
92	*Catawaqui	Kingston	Second Wednesday	" A. McMillan
93	*Northern Light	Port Stanley	Thursday after full moon	" DeW. H. Martyn
94	*St. Mark's	Otterville	Second Tuesday	" Thos. Edgcomb
95	Ridout	Otterville	Thursday on or before full moon	" Wm. P. Couklyn
96	*Corinthian	Barrie	Thursday on or before full moon	" A. B. McPhee
97	*Sharon	Sharon	Tuesday on or before full moon	" Henry Watson
98	True Blue	Albion	Friday on or before full moon	" Robert H. Booth
99	*Tuscan	Newmarket	Second Wednesday	" Wm. Trent
100	Valley	Dundas	First Wednesday	" Robt. K. Johnson
101	*Corinthian	Peterboro'	Wednesday preceding full moon	" John J. Lundy
103	*Maple Leaf	St. Catharines	Thursday on or after full moon	" W. S. Downey
104	St. John's	Norwichville	Wednesday after full moon	" William Topham
105	St. Mark's	Drumville	Tuesday on or before full moon	" M. B. Morris

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NO.	LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	W. MASTER.	SECRETARY.
106	*Burford	Burford	Wednesday before full moon... of every month	W. Br. F. Mudge.....	Br. John Findlay.
107	*St. Paul's	Lambeth.....	Second Wednesday	" D. B. Burch...	" James L. Baker.
108	*Blenheim	Drumbo	Wednesday on or before full moon	" John Hall.....	" Robt. A. Laidlaw
109	*Albion	Harrowsmith	Tuesday after full moon	" N. F. Dupuis..	" James Cooke.
110	*Central	Prescott	First Tuesday	" George EnEarl.	" S. Reynolds, jr.
112	*Maitland.....	Goderich	Second Tuesday	" J. Thompson...	" Wm. Gardiner.
113	*Wilson	Waterford ..	Wednesday on or before full moon	" Wm Allan	" Edw. Matthews.
114	*Hope	Port Hope ..	First Thursday	" A. T. Williams	" Joseph Gray.
115	*Ivy	Smithville ..	Tuesday on or after full moon...	" James S. Bates.	" W. V. Hare.
116	*Cassia	Widder	Monday on or before full moon...	" John Dallas ..	" Alf. S. Proctor.
117	*Stanbridge	Stanbridge ..	Wednesday on or before full moon	" M. R. Meigs...	" William Elder.
118	*Union	Lloydtown ..	Monday on or before full moon..	" J. T. Carson...	" Edw. A. Hogg..
119	*Maple Leaf.....	Bath	Monday before full moon	" B. C. Davy.....	" David I. Rouse.
120	*Warren	Fingal	Second Thursday	" W. B. Burgess.	" Geo. Glasgow.
121	*Doric	Brantford ..	Friday on or preceding full moon.	" Samuel Hall...	" Jas. P. Excell.
122	*Renfrew	Renfrew	Tuesday nearest full moon.....	" Charles Hudson	" Ben. Freer.
123	*The Belleville...	Belleville ..	First Thursday	" L. H. Henderson	" John P. Thomas.
124	*Montreal Kilwin'g	Montreal	Second Monday	" John B. Feavey.	" W. H. Hall.
125	*Cornwall	Cornwall.....	Monday on or after full moon...	" James Hawkes.	" James Kilgour.
126	*Golden Rule	Campbellsfrd	Tuesday after full moon	" J. Dinwoodie Jr	" Hy. E. Skinner.
127	*Frank	Frankford ..	Monday before full moon	" H. W. Delany..	" J. B. Moran.
128	*Pembroke	Pembroke	Tuesday before full moon.....	" J. B. Coleman...	" Henry Sinton.
129	*The Rising Sun...	Aurora	Friday on or before full moon...	" T. W. Todd.....	" Wm. Willis.
130	*Yamaska	Granby	Wednesday before full moon	" John H. Bartlett	" T. Amyrauld.
131	*St. Lawrence	Southampton	Second Tuesday	" John McLean..	" John Eastwood.
133	*Lebanon Forest...	Franceson ..	Monday on or before full moon...	" William Carick	" Jacob Hand.
134	*Shawanegam	Three Rivers.	Second Wednesday	" John Broster...	" Isidore L. Clair.
135	*St. Clair	Milton	Thursday on or before full moon.	"	" Isaac Cartmer.
136	*St. Clairson	Stouffville ..	Wednesday on or before full moon	" E. B. Armstrong	" Richard Knill.
137	*Pythagoras	Meaford	Friday on or after full moon.....	" Alex. Mitchell.	" Adon. Burritt.
138	*Aylmer	Aylmer, P. Q.	Second Tuesday	" C. H. Church...	" William Allen.

139	Lebanon	Oshawa	Second Tuesday	"	" John Boyd	" W. G. Farewell.
140	*Malahide	Aylmer, Ont.	Wednesday on or after full moon..	"	" S. S. Clutton ...	" John P. Alma.
141	*Tudor	Mitchell	Tuesday on or before full moon..	"	" E. Hornibrook ..	" D. H. Stewart.
142	*Excelsior	Morrisburgh.	Thursday on or before full moon..	"	" T. Chamberlain ..	" W. E. Scott.
143	*Friendly Brothers.	Iroquois	Wednesday before full moon....	"	" J. Stephenson ...	" John N. Tuttle.
144	*Tecumseh	Stratford	Thursday on or before full moon..	"	" James P. Wood ...	" James Steet.
145	*J. B. Hall	Millbrook	Second Thursday	"	" James Might	" Thos. B. Collins.
146	*Prince of Wales	Newburgh ..	Wednesday before full moon	"	" H. M. Wright..	" D. S. Warner.
147	Mississippi	Almonte	Friday on or before full moon	"	" P. McDougall..	" John Menzies.
148	*Civil Service	Seat of Gov't ..	Second Tuesday	"	" Thomas Munro ..	" G. C. Reiffenstein
149	*Erie	Port Dover....	Monday on or before full moon ..	"	" Jesse V. Hoover ..	" Rich'd Stephens.
150	*Hastings	Hastings	Thursday on or before full moon..	"	" James C. Brown ..	" John I. Slater.
151	The Grand River... ..	Berlin	Tuesday on or before full moon..	"	" Wm. Washburn ..	" N. F. Simons.
152	Clarenceville	Clarenceville ..	Third Thursday	"	" C. S. Rowe	" I. W. Fleming.
153	*Burns	Wyoming	Thursday on or before full moon..	"	" James McKay..	" W. B. Collins.
154	*Irving	Lucan	Thursday on or before full moon..	"	" J O'Donohue	" Wm. Ellwood.
155	*Peterborough	Peterboro'	First Friday	"	" C. Cameron	" W. M. Goodwin.
156	*York	Eglinton	Thursday on or before full moon..	"	" A. L. Willson..	" William Jackes.
157	Simpson	Newboro'	Tuesday on or after full moon....	"	" R. H. Preston..	" Andrew W. Bell.
158	*Alexandra	Oil Springs..	Thursday on or after full moon..	"	" Thomas Ellison ..	" Henry Brown.
159	Goodwood	Richmond, O. ..	First Tuesday	"	" Edward Reilly ..	" George Riekey.
160	*Quebec Garrison ..	Quebec	First Monday	"	" W. Wilkinson ..	" J. Dan.
161	*Percy	Warkworth.	Wednesday before full moon	"	" I. Humphries..	" R. P. Hurlbut.
162	Forest	Wroxeter	Friday on or after full moon....	"	" John Moffat ...	" John Kaine.
163	*Browne	WestFarnh'm ..	Friday on or before full moon	"	" C. P. Taber	" Henry Bowker.
164	*Star in the East... ..	Wellington..	Tuesday on or before full moon ..	"	" Ira Clinton	" John Wilson.
165	*Burlington	Wellingt'n Sq ..	Wednesday on or before full moon	"	" Wm. Kerns	" Robert Halson.
166	*Wentworth	Stoney Creek ..	Monday on or before full moon ..	"	" A. G. Jones	" J. H. Carpenter.
167	*Royal Albert	Montreal	First Wednesday	"	" Frank Edgar	" A. R. Fraser.
168	*Merritt	Welland	Monday on or before full moon ..	"	" J. W. Schooley ..	" J. Vanderburgh.
169	*Macnab	Port Colborne ..	Tuesday on or before full moon....	"	" John C. Karr ..	" D. Hughes.
170	*Britannia	Scaforth	Monday on or after full moon....	"	" A. Slimson	" James H. Benson
171	*Prince of Wales... ..	Iona	Friday on or after full moon	"	" J Edgecombe..	" William Bride.
172	*Ayr	Ayr	Tuesday on or before full moon..	"	" P. Buckley	" Peter Souter.
173	*Victoria	Montreal	First Monday	"	" A. Murray	" Jas. I. McMinn.
174	*Waltingham	Port Rowan ..	First Thursday after full moon ..	"	" James Ryan....	" William Ross.

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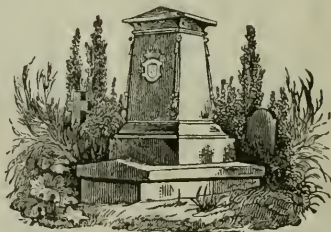
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175	*Saint John's.....	South Potton.	Wednesday before full moon...of every month	W.Br. R. Manson...	Br. Levi A. Perkins.
176	*Spartan.....	Sparta.....	Monday on or after full moon ..	" Wm. T. Edge..	" H. Kirkland.
177	*The Builders'.....	Ottawa.....	Friday on or before full moon ..	" Thomas Painter	" George Crain.
178	*Plattsville.....	Plattville ..	Second Friday	" George Risk...	" R. J. Bourchier.
179	*Bothwell.....	Bothwell....	Wednesday on or before full moon	" H. F. Smith...	" N. Macpherson.
180	*Speed.....	Guelph.....	Second Tuesday	" Charles Sharpe.	" John Cridford.
181	*Oriental.....	Port Burwell.	Tuesday on or before full moon..	" W. A. Glover..	" Alex. McBride.
182	*Tuscan.....	Levis.....	First Thursday	" John Breakey..	" James Main.
183	*Prince Albert.....	Prince Albert	Friday on or before full moon ..	" James Emaney.	" W. J. Trounce.
184	*Old Light.....	Lucknow ..	Thursday on or before full moon.	" J. Somerville..	" John S. Tennant
185	*Enniskillen.....	York.....	Monday on or before full moon..	" J. B. Holden...	" Robert Davis ...
186	*Plantagenet.....	Plantagenet.	Monday on or before full moon ..	" Henry Smith...	" W.A.Chamberlin
187	*Royal Canadian...	Sweetsburgh.	Second Wednesday	" H. D. Pickel...	" H. Rose.
188	*Ascot.....	Lennoxville.	Monday on or before full moon ..	" Isaac H. Stearns	" F. Bennetts
189	*Films Fidure.....	Adolphustown	Wednesday on or before full moon	" E. H. Smith...	" John E. Sills.
190	*Belmont.....	Belmont.....	Friday on or before full moon ..	" Francis Kunz..	" Jas. B. Campbell.
191	*Ashlar.....	Coaticook ..	First Wednesday	" George Wood..	" George O. Dook.
192	*Orillia.....	Orillia.....	Friday on or after full moon	" C. S. Elliot....	" R. J. Oliver.
193	*Scotland.....	Scotland....	Monday on or before full moon ..	" F. Mudge.....	" Wm. S. Walker.
194	*Petrolia.....	Petrolia.....	Second Wednesday	" H. H. Hunt....	" W. H. McGarvey
195	*The Tuscan.....	London.....	First Monday	" T. Wilson.....	"
196	*Madawaska.....	Arnprior....	Thursday on or before full moon.	" Robert Meikle.	" A. Garrioch.
197	*Saugeen.....	Walkerton ..	Second Tuesday	" H. B. O'Connor	" A. Davidson.
198	*White Oak.....	Oakville ..	Tuesday on or before full moon..	" G. K. Chisholm	" R. K. Chisholm.
199	*Frelighsburg.....	Frelighsb'rg	Monday on or before full moon ..	" G. R. Marvin...	"
200	*St. Alban's.....	Mount Forest	Friday on or before full moon ..	" W. W. Winfield	" Thos. Davidson.
201	*Leeds.....	Gananoque..	Tuesday on or before full moon..	" Wm. Byers Jr.	"
202	*Mount Royal.....	Montreal....	Second Tuesday	" Charles Storer.	"
203	*Irvine.....	Elora.....	Third Friday	" A. B. Petrie...	"
204	*Doric.....	Danville....	Wednesday on or before full moon	" Timothy Leet..	"
205	*New Dominion...	New Hamb'rg	Monday on or after full moon ...	" Louis Helmer..	"



NAMES.	No.	LODGE.	DATE.
A. C. Amery	—	Antiquity	December 21
R. M. Wilkison	3	St. John's	June 21
Geo. C. Webster	5	Sussex	December 20
M. Booth Lyn			July 27
Milton Davis	6	Barton	September 13
Donald Henderson			December 22
Robert Brown	7	Union	May 7
William Wallace	9	Union	April 26
James Jackson	16	St. Andrew's	March 13
W. Connelly	21	Zetland	September 27
George Hunter	22	King Solomon's	May 25
S. B. Campbell			January 8
John C. Burr	23	Richmond	March 18
Walter T. Robb	32	Amity	June 4
Alfred McKinnon	36	Welland	April 18
George W. Allen	37	King Hiram	February 9
Elisha Hall			June 21
James H. Wright	40	St. John's	March 14
John H. Black	41	St. George's	March 4
David Thompson	44	St. Thomas	July 13
James C. Nellis	45	Brant	March
Alex. Douglass McLean	46	Wellington	May 5
Joseph Nokes			September 9
Henry Richards	47	Great Western	April 1
James Speirs			March 29
Jeptha Bradshaw	48	Madoc	June 25
George P. Young			November 22
John Bradshaw	49	Harrington	May 28
Joseph Lesueur			November 2
John S. Caswell	55	Mirickville	December 1
William Merrick			April 22
James F. Baby	56	Victoria	July
Charles T. Thomas	58	Doric	January 25
Fred. Aug. Baldwin	59	Corinthian	February 29
John H. Palmer	62	St. Andrew's	August 23
John Davidson	64	Kilwinning	March 1
Rev. Philander Smith			April 11
F. Gouin	67	St. Francis	September 28
James Fairborn			October 17
Richard Hockridge	68	St. John's	October 31
Donald M. Matheson	75	St. John's	April 25
Sampson West	79	Simcoe	March
James Thompson	80	Albion	March 2
Edwin H. Smith	83	Beaver	March 13
William J. Bradley			June 11
John Donald McPhee	87	Markham Union	October 21
William Ingles			October 13
William B. Wooding	90	Manito	September 23
Alonzo B. Bowen	91	Colborne	November
R. A. Ellerbeck	92	Cataraqui	September 22
James W. Overfield	100	Valley	May 18
Henry Izard	103	Maple Leaf	November 28
Walter Reid			June 4
John Milheim	105	St. Marks	February 27
William McGregor	107	St. Paul's	August
William C. Twomley	110	Central	September 4
A. W. Ardage			June 4
John McLeod	112	Maitland	September 5
John D. Gardner	117	Stanbridge	November 28
Arnold A. Amey	119	Maple Leaf	August 25
Peter Westlake	121	Doric	December 15
William Dinwoodie	126	Golden Rule	January 28

AT REST.

NAMES.	No. LODGE.	DATE.
William Row	127 Franck	August 30 1867
James Holladay	129 The Rising Sun...	March 28 1868
Gilbert T. Bastedo	135 St. Clair	August 3 1868
Henry C. Hughes	140 Malahide	February 13 1868
Milton D. Fisk	113 Friendly Brothers..	July 29 1867
John Barton		November 21 1857
John McKay	144 Tecumseh	August 2 1867
John Forsyth Hope	146 Prince of Wales...	October 31 1867
Walter Billings	152 Clarenceville	September 20 1867
Thomas Wilson	153 Burns	February 2 1868
James Ludgate	155 Peterborough	September 1867
William Peard	160 Quebec Garrison ..	October 25 1867
Andrew Gallagher	161 Percy	December 12 1867
Abraham Boice, sen'r ..	164 Star in the East ..	September 30 1868
Thomas Sellar	173 Victoria	October 27 1867
Andrew Ritchie	182 Tuscan	March 10 1868
Edward Croker	192 Orillia	February 1868
Thomas Watch Ireland ..	200 St. Alban's	August 1868





In Memoriam.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

HON. ROBERT SPENCE,

Past Master Wilson Lodge, No. 86, Toronto.

Past Grand Senior Warden,

Past District Deputy Grand Master

TORONTO DISTRICT,

CHAIRMAN MASONIC ASYLUM TRUST.

DIED

On the 28th February, A.D., 1868.

AT REST.





In Memoriam.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

Rev. F. J. LUNDY, D.C.L.,

Past Master Union Lodge, No. 7, Grimsby,

PAST GRAND CHAPLAIN.

DIED

On the 8th April, A.D., 1868.

AT REST.



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RIGHT-WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

ELISHA GUSTIN,

Past Master Golden Rule Lodge, No. 12, Stanstead.

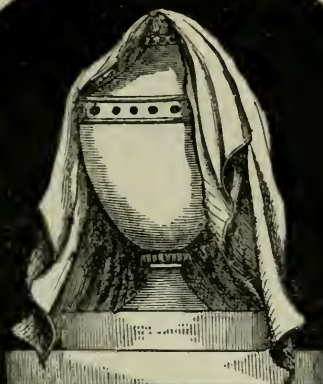
Past District Deputy Grand Master
EASTERN TOWNSHIPS DISTRICT.

DIED

On the 30th March, A.D., 1868.

AT REST.





In Memoriam.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

EDWARD A. WALKER,

Past Master Corinthian Lodge, No. 96, Barrie.

District Deputy Grand Master

TORONTO DISTRICT.

DIED

On the 13th April, A.D., 1868.

AT REST.



SUSPENSIONS.—Unmasonic Conduct.

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- No. 16. *St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto.*
James Wight.
- No. 18. *Prince Edward Lodge, Picton.*
Jonathan Mottashead, Allan J. Corkindale.
- No. 19. *St. George's Lodge, Montreal.*
Marcus Simpson.
- No. 21. *Zetland Lodge, Montreal.*
William Middleton.
- No. 23. *Richmond Lodge, Richmond Hill.*
Stephen Williams.
- No. 37. *King Hiram Lodge, Ingersoll.*
Henry C. Fleak.
- No. 53. *Shefford Lodge, Waterloo.*
Edmund Longley, Jr.
- No. 96. *Corinthian Lodge, Barrie.*
Angus Russell.
- No. 105. *St. Mark's Lodge, Drummondville.*
Thomas Drew.
- No. 148. *Civil Service Lodge, Seat of Government.*
W. M. Miller.
- No. 150. *Hastings Lodge, Hastings.*
David Anderson.
- No. 153. *Burns Lodge, Wyoming.*
William Given.
- No. 174. *Walsingham Lodge, Port Rowan.*
Charles Raymond.
- No. 200. *St. Alban's Lodge, Mount Forest.*
Jas. M. Campbell.
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SUSPENSIONS.—Non-Payment of Dues.

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- No. —. *Antiquity Lodge, Montreal.*
F. E. Lankeman, R. M. Scholes, W. Morris.
- No. 1. *Prevost Lodge, Dunham.*
N. S. Brown, Elias Clow, G. F. Cameron, F. X. Clement,
Andrew Cameron, Otis Clement, A. W. Hubbard, John W.
Knight, John McRay, W. M. Pattison, Geo. R. Vanantwerp,
Charles Rice, Charles Woodbury, Albert Clement.

- No. 3. *St. John's Lodge, Kingston,*
Jas. J. Burrowes, James F. Morris, Richard Martin, William
Summerville, John Boyes, John N. Wilson.
- No. 5. *Sussex Lodge, Brockville.*
R. Gates, J. B. Rogers, Wm. H. Willson.
- No. 12. *Golden Rule Lodge, Stanstead.*
George N. Goff.
- No. 15. *St. George's Lodge, St. Catharines.*
Rich'd Tracy, Wm. Behrens.
- No. 21. *Zetland Lodge, Montreal.*
C. C. Owens, W. C. Round.
- No. 26. *Ontario Lodge, Port Hope.*
W. J. Wallis, S. B. Chandler, J. Kirkpatrick, Wm. Rowland,
Fred. Thomas.
- No. 27. *Strict Observance Lodge, Hamilton.*
Alex. Gordon, Robert J. Hamilton, Arthur Harvey, John
Holgate, I. M. Kerby, Wm. F. Murray, Alex. Stuart.
- No. 30. *Composite Lodge, Whitby.*
A. Logan, J. Gordon, Charles Nourse.
- No. 34. *Thistle Lodge, Amherstburg.*
John H. Grover, Thos. German, C. W. Cornwell, Jas. Bruce.
- No. 36. *Welland Lodge, Fonthill.*
William F. Swayze, Geo. Sammonds, William Carl, John S.
Monroe, Edward C. Gore.
- No. 37. *King Hiram Lodge, Ingersoll.*
Theophilus Poole, Jas. Sherlock, Jas. Keys, F. Tolden.
- No. 42. *St. George's Lodge, London.*
A. H. Vennor.
- No. 44. *St. Thomas Lodge, St. Thomas.*
Charles Roc.
- No. 46. *Wellington Lodge, Chatham.*
Miles Miller, Thos. A. Ireland, Alex. Peck.
- No. 47. *Great Western Lodge, Windsor.*
Chas. Devlin, Caleb Knight.
- No. 50. *Consecon Lodge, Consecon.*
Herman G. Squire, Robert Rye, Danilus Beech, James Post,
Joshua M. Cadman, Stephen H. Jones, Thomas Thuresson,
John Y. Weeks, John Young.
- No. 64. *Kilwinning Lodge, London.*
Zachariah Hemphill.
- No. 67. *St. Francis Lodge, Richmond.*
W. A. Snow, G. F. Burnett.

- No. 71. *Victoria Lodge, Sherbrooke.*
Edward Webb, G. R. Robertson, David Moe, C. S. Simpson,
L. D. Osgood, F. R. Sadlier, John McCaw.
- No. 72. *Alma Lodge, Galt.*
Wm. F. A. Shearson.
- No. 76. *Oxford Lodge, Woodstock.*
J. B. Vanvoorhis, John G. Carroll, Wm. Grey, Wm. Dorgan,
John Henderson, Andrew Ross, Walter D. Clement, R. N.
Light, L. M. Courtney, E. P. Ashler, Charles Iles.
- No. 80. *Albion Lodge, Newbury.*
J. W. Branan, Adam Corneill, Jonathan Mawilson.
- No. 82. *St. John's Lodge, Paris.*
Charles S. Eastman.
- No. 86. *Wilson Lodge, Toronto.*
G. W. Folts, Henry Joselin.
- No. 93. *True Blue Lodge, Albion.*
James Murray.
- No. 105. *St. Mark's Lodge, Drummondville.*
Wm. Horne, George Robinson.
- No. 109. *Albion Lodge, Harrowsmith.*
James Snowdon, Hugh Campbell.
- No. 110. *Central Lodge, Prescott.*
J. S. Hawley, G. B. Fox, Eleazer W. Garner, Joseph Adams.
- No. 118. *Union Lodge, Lloydstown.*
John S. Ruper, James McGarry, Henry Manning, John Lee,
William Nelson, Sen'r.
- No. 119. *Maple Leaf Lodge, Bath.*
Thos. Aishton.
- No. 124. *Montreal Kilwinning Lodge, Montreal.*
George K. Kennedy, Cassimere Lefebore.
- No. 131. *St. Lawrence Lodge, Southampton.*
James Adair, Francis Smith, Donald R. J. Campbell.
- No. 148. *Civil Service Lodge, Ottawa.*
Edward Hester.
- No. 149. *Erie Lodge, Port Dover.*
Robert Wallbrooke, Francis Porritt.
- No. 150. *Hastings Lodge, Hastings.*
C. J. Anderson.
- No. 151. *The Grand River Lodge, Berlin.*
Albert Randall.
- No. 153. *Burns Lodge, Wyoming.*
W. C. Allen, George Duncan, Hugh Black.

- No. 158. *Alexandra Lodge, Oil Springs.*
John Perry, Wm. R. Jury, Rich'd Champion, Russell H. Read.
- No. 174. *Walsingham Lodge, Port Rowan.*
Charles Bingham, William Hough.
- No. 179. *Bothwell Lodge, Bothwell.*
A. McFarlane.
- No. 187. *Royal Canadian Lodge, Sweetsburgh.*
Andrew McGowan, James Flannery.

RESTORATIONS.

- No. 5. *Sussex Lodge, Brockville.*
James D. Reynolds.
- No. 7. *Union Lodge, Grimsby.*
Murdock Randall, Thomas Dowding.
- No. 9. *Union Lodge, Napanee.*
Douglas Nicholls, John Chamberlaine.
- No. 10. *Norfolk Lodge, Simcoe.*
Cyrus Hunt.
- No. 15. *St. George's Lodge, St. Catharines.*
John C. Rykert, George M. Nickerson, Hosea F. Stock.
- No. 16. *St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto.*
George H. Wyatt, Allan J. Corkindale, Alfred B. Townley.
- No. 18. *Prince Edward's Lodge, Picton.*
John Wesley Youmans.
- No. 19. *St. George's Lodge, Montreal.*
David Douglas, John G. Benlack.
- No. 20. *St. John's Lodge, London.*
Paul Phipps.
- No. 22. *King Solomon's Lodge, Toronto.*
Frederick Fraser, A. W. J. DeGrassi.
- No. 30. *Composite Lodge, Whitby.*
James Wallace, William J. Warren.
- No. 42. *St. George's Lodge, London.*
John Beattie, Robert Holt, W. G. Sutherland, Frederick Tabberner, James Stephenson.
- No. 45. *Brant Lodge, Brantford.*
William Buck.
- No. 47. *Great Western Lodge, Windsor.*
Andrew Phillips.

- No. 50. *Consecon Lodge, Consecon.*
Solomon Flagler, Wm. H. Dibble, A. R. McDonald.
- No. 58. *Doric Lodge, Ottawa.*
John Rogers.
- No. 62. *St. Andrew's Lodge, Caledonia.*
Norris Humphrey, Henry Ince, William Hawkins.
- No. 67. *St. Francis Lodge, Richmond.*
William C. Tait.
- No. 69. *Stirling Lodge, Stirling.*
Wm. Donnelly, Wm. Downing.
- No. 72. *Alma Lodge, Galt.*
Æmilius Irving.
- No. 78. *King Hiram Lodge, Tilsonburg.*
S. B. Newcomb.
- No. 92. *Cataraqui Lodge, Kingston.*
Benjamin Holden.
- No. 85. *Ridout Lodge, Otterville.*
D. C. Swayze.
- No. 100. *Valley Lodge, Dundas.*
William Tunis.
- No. 105. *St Mark's Lodge, Drummondville.*
George W. Smith.
- No. 107. *St. Paul's Lodge, Lambeth.*
John Fitzallen.
- No. 116. *Cassia Lodge, Widder.*
John Scoon.
- No. 117. *Stanbridge Lodge, Stanbridge.*
Henry N. Whitman.
- No. 123. *The Belleville Lodge, Belleville.*
Nicholas O'Comb.
- No. 131. *St. Lawrence Lodge, Southampton.*
Robert Gilmour.
- No. 133. *Lebanon Forest Lodge, Francedston.*
John W. Broderick.
- No. 144. *Tecumseh Lodge, Stratford.*
Samuel Inman.
- No. 150. *Hastings Lodge, Hastings.*
Nathan H. Cooper.

LIST OF GRAND OFFICERS FOR 1868-9.

M.W. Bro.	A. A. Stevenson,	Montreal,	Grand Master.	
R. " "	James Seymour,	St. Catharines,	Deputy Grand Master.	
" " "	John E. Brooke,	Chatham,	D.D.G.M. London	District.
" " "	David Curtis,	Brantford,	" Wilson	"
" " "	Thomas Matheson,	Mitchell,	" Huron	"
" " "	John Parry,	Dunnville,	" Hamilton	"
" " "	M. H. Spencer,	Barrie,	" Toronto	"
" " "	William McCabe,	Oshawa,	" Ontario	"
" " "	H. W. Day,	Trenton,	" P. Edward	"
" " "	George M. Wilkinson,	Kingston,	" St. Lawrence	"
" " "	William Mostyn,	Almonte,	" Ottawa	"
" " "	Alexander Murray,	Montreal,	" Montreal	"
" " "	John H. Graham,	Richmond,	" E. Townships	"
" " "	Alexander Walker,	Quebec,	" Quebec	"
" " "	John W. Murton,	Hamilton,	Grand Senior Warden.	
" " "	Stevens Baker,	Dunham,	Grand Junior Warden.	
" " "	Rev. V. Clementi,	Lakefield,	Grand Chaplain.	
" " "	Henry Groff,	Simcoe,	Grand Treasurer.	
" " "	Daniel Spry,	Toronto,	Grand Registrar.	
" " "	Thomas Bird Harris,	Hamilton,	Grand Secretary.	
V. " "	John King,	St. Catharines,	Grand Senior Deacon.	
" " "	Daniel Thomas,	Sherbrooke,	Grand Junior Deacon.	
" " "	Augustus T. Houel,	Toronto,	Grand Superintendent of Works.	
" " "	John Taylor,	Belleville,	Grand Director of Ceremonies.	
" " "	Edward Mitchell,	Hamilton,	Assistant Grand Secretary.	
" " "	Edward C. Barber,	Ottawa,	Assistant Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.	
" " "	Frederick Mudge,	Brantford,	Grand Sword Bearer.	
" " "	George A. Pearce,	Montreal,	Grand Organist.	
" " "	A. E. Fife,	Brighton,	Assistant Grand Organist.	
" " "	James Might,	Millbrook,	Grand Pursuivant.	
" " "	Robert Noxon,	Montreal,	Grand Tyler.	
" " "	L. W. Decker,	Philipsburgh,	} Grand Stewards.	
" " "	Charles Cameron,	Peterboro',		
" " "	W. B. Irving,	Dundas,		
" " "	Robert Hendry, Jr.,	Kingston,		
" " "	J. Quigg,	Brockville,		
" " "	G. Billington,	Delaware,		
" " "	S. J. J. Brown,	Niagara,		
" " "	John G. Gemmell,	Ottawa,		
" " "	Allan McLean,	Ingersoll,		
" " "	H. T. Wood,	Picton,		
" " "	Isaac B. Futvoye,	St. Johns',		
" " "	C. Joncas, Jr.,	Quebec,		

REPRESENTATIVES

FROM THE GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

R.W. Bro.	The Right Hon. Lord DeTaby,	in the U. G. L. of England.
" " "	James Vokes Mackey,	" " Ireland.
" " "	Lindsay MacKersey,	" " Scotland.
" " "	_____	" " Vermont.
" " "	William Pitt Preble,	" " Maine.
" " "	Henry W. Turner,	" " New York.
" " "	Horner A. Johnson,	" " Illinois.
" " "	Jacinto De Castro,	" " St. Domingo.
" " "	Andrew Kerr MacKinley,	" " Nova Scotia.
" " "	E. T. Carr,	" " Kansas.
Ill. Bro.	J. M. C. Obed,	in the Grand Orient Cuba.
Ill. "	Dr. Francesco De Paula Romas,	" " Brazil.
Ill. "	J. M. Samper Angiano,	" " New Grenada.
Ill. "	Antonio M. Mollejas,	" " Venezuela.
Ill. "	Joas Cactano D'Almeida,	" " Portugal.
Ill. "	Luis Goapil, 33°,	" " Mexico.
Ill. "	Francesco De Luca,	" " Italy.
Ill. "	A. M. Medina,	" " Chili.
Ill. "	Laurentino Ximenez, 33°,	" " Uruguay.

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IN THE GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

R.W. Bro.	Sir John A. Macdonald, K.C.B.,	from the G. L. of England.
" " "	Kivas Tully,	" " Ireland.
" " "	Thomas Drummond,	" " Scotland.
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" " "	A. Bernard,	" " Vermont.
R. " "	Thomas B. Harris,	" " Kansas.
" " "	John H. Graham,	" " Maine.
" " "	James A. Henderson,	" " New York.
M. " "	Thomas Douglas Harington,	" " Nova Scotia.
" " "	William Mercer Wilson,	from the Grand Orient St. Domingo.
" " "	William Mercer Wilson,	" " Cuba.
R. " "	Thomas Bird Harris,	" " Portugal.
" " "	A. A. Stevenson,	" " Brazil.
" " "	Henry Macpherson,	" " Uruguay.
M. " "	A. Bernard,	" " New Grenada.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES—1868-9.

PRESIDENT :

R. W. Bro. James Seymour, Deputy Grand Master, St. Catharines, Ont.

VICE-PRESIDENT :

R. W. Bro. John H. Graham, D. D. G. M., Richmond, P. Q.

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M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, Grand Master, Montreal, P. Q.

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" " " John W. Murton, Grand Senior Warden, Hamilton, Ont.

" " " Stevens Baker, Grand Junior Warden, Dunham, P. Q.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.—[By virtue of office.]

R. W. Bro. John E. Brooke, Chatham, Ontario.

" " " David Curtis, Brantford, "

" " " Thomas Matheson, Mitchell, "

" " " John Parry, Dunnville, "

" " " M. H. Spencer, Barrie, "

" " " William McCabe, Oshawa, "

" " " H. W. Day, Trenton, "

" " " Geo. M. Wilkinson, Kingston, "

" " " William Mostyn, Almonte, "

" " " Alexander Murray, Montreal, P. Q.

" " " John H. Graham, Richmond, "

" " " Alexander Walker, Quebec, "

ELECTED BY GRAND LODGE.

R. W. Bro. Æmilius Irving, P. D. D. G. M., Hamilton, Ontario.

" " " Alfio DeGrassi, P. D. D. G. M., Toronto, "

" " " L. H. Henderson, P. D. D. G. M., Belleville, "

" " " James Moffat, P. D. D. G. M., London, "

" " " John Kerr, P. G. S. W., Toronto, "

M. " " William B. Simpson, P. G. M., Kingston, "

" " " T. Douglas Harington, P. G. M., Ottawa, "

V. " " Otto Klotz, P. G. S., Preston, "

" " " James Bain, P. G. S. B., Toronto, "

R. " " Isaac H. Stearns, P. G. S. W., Lennoxville, P. Q.

APPOINTED BY THE GRAND MASTER.

M. W. Bro. A. Bernard, P. G. M., Montreal, P. Q.

R. " " Charles Kahn, P. D. D. G. M., Stratford, Ontario.

" " " Wm. H. Weller, P. D. D. G. M., Cobourg, "

" " " James Milne, P. D. D. G. M., Bowmanville, "

V. " " Henry Robertson, P. G. Stew'd, Collingwood, "

R. " " Henry Macpherson, P. G. S. W., Owen Sound, "

V. " " Thos. White, jun., P. G. Asst. O., Hamilton, "

" " M. Gutman, W. M., Montreal, P. Q.

" " Hon. Thomas Wood, P. M., Dunham, "

LIST OF GRAND LODGES

IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE GRAND LODGE OF CANADA, WITH THE NAMES AND
RESIDENCES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES.

England	John Hervey	London.
Ireland	John E. Hyndman	Dublin.
Scotland	Wm. A. Lawrie	Edinburgh.
Alabama	Daniel Sayre	Montgomery.
Arkansas	W. D. Blocher	Little Rock.
California	Alexander G. Abell	San Francisco.
Colorado	Edward C. Parmelee	Central City.
Connecticut	Joseph K. Wheeler	Hartford.
Delaware	John P. Allmond	Wilmington.
District of Columbia	Noble D. Larner	Washington.
Florida	Hugh A. Corley	Tallahassee.
Georgia	Simri Rose	Macon.
Idaho Territory	P. E. Edmondson	Idaho City.
Illinois	H. G. Reynolds	Springfield.
Indiana	William Hacker	Shelbyville.
Iowa	Theo. S. Parvin	Iowa City.
Kansas	E. T. Carr	Leavenworth.
Kentucky	J. M. S. McCorkle	Louisville.
Louisiana	J. C. Batchelor	New Orleans.
Maine	Ira Berry	Portland.
Maryland	Jacob H. Medairy	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Solon Thornton	Boston.
Michigan	James Fenton	Detroit.
Minnesota	Wm. S. Coombs	St. Paul.
Mississippi	D. P. Porter	Jackson.
Missouri	Geo. F. Gouley	St. Louis.
Montana	Wilbur F. Sanders	Virginia City.
Nebraska	J. N. Wise	Plattsmouth.
Nevada	Wm. A. M. VanBokkelen	Virginia.
New Brunswick	W. F. Bunting	St. John.
New Jersey	James H. Hough	Trenton.
New Hampshire	Horace Chase	Hopkington.
New York	James M. Austin	New York.
North Carolina	Donald W. Bain	Raleigh.
Nova Scotia	C. J. Macdonald	Halifax.
Ohio	John D. Caldwell	Cincinnati.
Oregon	J. E. Hurford	Oregon City.
Pennsylvania	John Thompson	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island	C. D. Greene	Providence.
South Carolina	R. S. Bruns	Charleston.
Tennessee	John Frizzell	Nashville.
Texas	Geo. W. Bringham	Houston.
Virginia	John Dove	Richmond.
Vermont	Henry Clark	Burlington.
Wisconsin	W. T. Palmer	Milwaukee.
Washington Territory	Thomas M. Reed	Olympia.
West Virginia	Thomas H. Logan	Wheeling.

SYNOPSIS OF THE RETURNS OF LODGES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 24th JUNE, 1868.

LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	Initiations.	Passings.	Raisings.	Joinings.	Withdrawals.	Deaths.	Susp. N. P. D.	Susp. U. M. C.	Expelled.	Restored.	Members.
— Antiquity Lodge	Montreal	8	4	3	1	5	1	3				51
1 Prevost	Dunham	1	6	6	1	14		11				62
2 Niagara	Niagara	4	5	1	3	2						37
3 St. John's	Kingston	11	11	15	2	5	1	7			1	129
1 Dorchester	St. John's			1	2	2						25
5 Sussex	Brockville	6		10	2	5		3			1	61
6 Barton	Hamilton	10	7	2	6	2	2					95
7 Union	Grimsby	3	4	4		2	2	2			2	31
8 Nelson	Philipsburgh	1	4	1		3						46
9 Union	Napanee	9	11	13	2	1					2	61
10 Norfolk	Simcoe	10	11	8	2	3						59
11 Moira	Belleville	2	2	1	3	4						50
12 Golden Rule	Stanstead	16	17	12	1		1	1				121
14 True Briton's	Perth											19
15 St. George's	St. Catharines	18	15	8	1	1		2			3	65
16 St. Andrew's	Toronto	13	15	16	3	3	1		1		2	95
17 St. John's	Cobourg											25
18 Prince Edward's	Pictou	10	10	10	5	3			2		1	84
19 St. George's	Montreal	3	8	6	1	1			1		2	70
20 St. John's	London	12	12	13		1		4			1	59
21 Zetland	Montreal	17	14	12	1	4	1	2	1			47
22 King Solomon's	Toronto	9	4	5	10	9	2				2	127
23 Richmond	Richmond Hill	16	14	13	1	2	1		1			29
25 Ionic	Toronto	3	5	2	17							59
26 Ontario	Port Hope	12	10	3	3			5				35
27 Strict Observance	Hamilton	9	11	11	2	9		7				53
28 Mount Zion	Kemptville	5	5	4	2	13						39
29 United	Brighton	4	5	7	2							28
30 Composite	Whitby	4			2			3			2	38
31 Jerusalem	Bowmanville	1	3	4	3	3						26
32 Amity	Dunnville	5	5	6	2	3	1					77
34 Thistle	Amherstburgh			2	2			4				45
35 St. John's	Cayuga	2	1	1		1						31
36 Welland	Fonthill	3		2		3	1	5				40
37 King Hiram	Ingersoll	8	9	8	1		2	5	1		1	44
38 Trent	Trenton	6	6	6		1						31
39 Mount Zion	Brooklin	3			1		2					29
40 St. John's	Hamilton		2	2		3	1					78
41 St. George's	Kingsville	5	2	2		4						47
42 St. George's	London	5	1	5	2			2			6	59
43 King Solomon's	Woodstock	8	5	5	1	1	1					61
44 St. Thomas	St. Thomas	2	4	4		2	1	1				43
45 Brant	Brantford	10	12	10	2	5					1	75
46 Wellington	Chatham	18	17	18	1	3	2	4			1	68
47 Great Western	Windsor	8	8	10	2	4	1	3			2	63
48 Madoc	Madoc	2	1	4	1	4	4					31
49 Harington	Quebec	9	9	8		6	2					42
50 Consecron	Consecon	3	5	2		2		9			3	38
51 Corinthian	Grahamville											11
53 Shefford	Waterloo	8	10	9		3			1			56
54 Vaughan	Maple	9	9	8	3	1						46
55 Mirickville	Mirickville				2		1					36
56 Victoria	Sarnia	7	4	6	2	10	1					78
57 Harmony	Binbrook	2	1			1						22
58 Doric	Ottawa	14	6	1	2	14					1	83
59 Corinthian	Ottawa	10	10	9	3	6	1					56
60 Hoyle	LaColle											14
61 Acacia	Hamilton	19	13	12	2	2						55
62 St. Andrew's	Caledonia						1					61
64 Kilwinning	London	15	19	9	1	7	2	1				60
66 Durham	Newcastle	4	4		2	2						32
67 St. Francis	Richmond	8	7	8		4		1			1	46
68 St. John's	Ingersoll	4	3	6			1					53
69 Stirling	Stirling	17	13	12	3	2					2	38

Synopsis of the Returns of Lodges for the year ending 24th June, 1868.—Continued.

LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	Initiations.	Passings.	Raisings.	Joinings.	Withdrawals.	Deaths.	Susp. N.P.D.	Susp. U.M.C.	Expelled.	Restored.	Members.
71 Victoria	Sherbrooke	8	8	6	1	9						55
72 Alma	Galt	10	11	10		6		1			1	62
73 St. James	St. Mary's	15	13	8	3							38
74 St. James	Maitland	3	2	2		9						32
75 St. John's	Toronto	16	17	18	7	9	1					114
76 Oxford	Woodstock	6	6	7	1	1		11				33
77 Faithful Brethren	Lindsay	2			6	3						12
78 King Hiram	Tilsonburgh	1	1	1		3					1	39
79 Simcoe	Bradford	7	4	4			1					24
80 Albion	Newbury	6	3	2	2	1		3				32
81 St. John's	Delaware	7	7	4	3							52
82 St. John's	Paris	21	17	14	5	1		1				52
83 Beaver	Strathroy	6	5	5	1	6	2					47
84 Clinton	Clinton	2	2	3	2	1						24
85 Rising Sun	Farmersville	1	1		1							14
86 Wilson	Toronto	29	22	22	10	8	1	2				95
87 Markham Union	Markham	5	2		1	1	2					41
88 St. George's	Owen Sound	10	9	10	1	2						47
90 Manito	Collingwood	12	10	10	3	3						60
91 Colborne	Colborne	5	3	3		1	1					35
92 Cataraqui	Kingston	20	23	30	2	1	1				1	66
93 Northern Light	Kingcardine	12	9	7		6						39
94 St. Mark's	Port Stanley	6	5	6		1						33
95 Ridout	Otterville	6	5	7	2	2					1	30
96 Corinthian	Barrie	3	2	6	1	3	1		1			37
97 Sharon	Sharon	2	2	2								32
98 True Blue	Albion	1	2	1				1				18
99 Tuscan	Newmarket											38
100 Valley	Dundas	6	6	6	2	1	1				1	14
101 Corinthian	Peterboro'	3	3	2	2	2						27
103 Maple Leaf	St. Catharines	17	17	17	2	3	2					92
104 St. John's	Norwichville	3	3	3		1						35
105 St. Mark's	Drummondville	6	5	4		2	1	2	1		1	49
106 Burford	Burford	4	5	5	1	9						21
107 St. Paul's	Lambeth	5	4	4		1	1				1	28
108 Blenheim	Drunbo	3	2	3	2	8						25
109 Albion	Harrowsmith	1	3	3				2				21
110 Central	Prescott	13	11	17	6	1	2	4				71
112 Maitland	Goderich	6	5	7	3	6	1					54
113 Wilson	Waterford	2	4	2								41
114 Hope	Port Hope	2	2									10
115 Ivy	Smithville	1	1	2								26
116 Cassia	Widder	1			4	3					1	36
117 Stanbridge	Stanbridge	8	8	8	1	1					1	73
118 Union	Lloydtown				1	3		5				10
119 Maple Leaf	Bath	2	1	1		8	2	1				19
120 Warren	Fingal	3	2	1								27
121 Doric	Brantford	2	2	4	3		1					65
122 Renfrew	Renfrew											19
123 The Belleville	Belleville	9	7	7	4	3	1				1	52
124 Montreal Kilwinning	Montreal	5	14	19	1	2		2				166
125 Cornwall	Cornwall											13
126 Golden Rule	Campbellford	6	6	4	2	6						33
127 Franck	Frankford	11	10	9	3	3	1					36
128 Pembroke	Pembroke	1	1	1		2						15
129 The Rising Sun	Aurora	6	7	8		3	1					42
130 Yamaska	Granby	2	2	3	1	2						17
131 St. Lawrence	Southampton	6	5	7	1	1		3			1	21
132 Lebanon Forest	Franceston	9	9	9	1	5					1	50
134 Shawenegam	Three Rivers					3						28
135 St. Clair	Milton	10	9	7	2	3						48
136 Richardson	Stouffville	6	3			2						32
137 Pythagoras	Meaford	4	1	1	3	1						28
138 Aylmer	Aylmer, P. Q.											45
139 Lebanon	Oshawa	7	9	8	4							55
140 Malahide	Aylmer, Ont.	6	4	3	7	10	1					42
141 Tudor	Mitchell	2	2	2	3	3						39

Synopsis of the Returns of Lodges for the year ending 24th June, 1868.—Continued.

LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	Initiations.	Passings.	Raisings.	Joinings.	Withdrawals.	Deaths.	Susp. N. P. D.	Susp. U. M. C.	Expelled.	Restored.	Members.
142 Excelsior	Morrisburgh	16	12	12	2	4						60
143 Friendly Brothers	Iroquois	1	5	5	1	1	2					42
144 Tecumseh	Stratford	5	5	6		3	2		1		1	53
145 J. B. Hall	Millbrook	6	9	4	1	2						23
146 Prince of Wales	Newburgh	11	10	7	1	3	1					53
147 Mississippi	Almonte	1	1	2	1							26
148 Civil Service	Ottawa	1	1	1	3	2		1	1			49
149 Erie	Port Dover											40
150 Hastings	Hastings	1	4	3		4		1	1			28
151 The Grand River	Berlin	6	5	6	1	1						56
152 Clarenceville	Clarenceville	3	3	3		5	1					17
153 Burns	Wyoming		2	3			1	3				33
154 Irving	Lucan	8	7	8		6						30
155 Peterborough	Peterboro	4	1	5	2	6	1					35
156 York	Eglington	4	3	4	2	3						32
157 Simpson	Newboro	8	5	1								16
158 Alexandra	Oil Springs	8	10	5	2	12						40
159 Goodwood	Richmond, Ont.											20
160 Quebec Garrison	Quebec	11	16	13	6	20	1					37
161 Percy	Warkworth	4	2	3	1	4	1					22
162 Forest	Wrexler	8	9	7	2	1						26
163 Browne	West Farnham	4	3	1	8							37
164 Star in the East	Wellington	1	1	1								26
165 Burlington	Wellington Square	3	6	6		1						22
166 Wentworth	Stoney Creek	2	2			3						28
167 Royal Albert	Montreal	10	7	8	2	1						58
168 Merritt	Welland	6	5	5								33
169 Maenab	Port Colborne	3	4	4	3	4						31
170 Britannia	Seaforth	8	8	6	2	1						34
171 Prince of Wales	Iona	9	13	9	3	3		1			1	46
172 Ayr	Ayr	2	2	3		3						34
173 Victoria	Montreal	21	21	22	2	8	1					53
174 Walsingham	Port Rowan	5	7	4		5		3	1			29
175 St. John's	South Potton											46
176 Spartan	Sparta	2	3	3	1	2						21
177 The Builders	Ottawa	17	12	9	5	2						53
178 Plattsville	Plattsville	5	4	2								31
179 Bothwell	Bothwell	9	9	4	4	2		1				36
180 Speed	Guelph	23	18	15	2							60
181 Oriental	Port Burwell	9	9	10								41
182 Tuscan	Levis	8	6	6	1	5	1					38
183 Prince Albert	Prince Albert	12	9	4	2							32
184 Old Light	Lucknow		1	1								14
185 Enniskillen	York	2	1	1	1	1						13
186 Plantagenet	Plantagenet	3	3	2								19
187 Royal Canadian	Sweetsburgh	12	11	10	1	1		2				31
188 Ascot	Lennoxville	8	9	8	5	2						29
189 Filius Viduæ	Adolphustown	4	5	6	1							20
190 Belmont	Belmont	10	11	13		2						36
191 Ashlar	Coaticook	10	12	10	1							32
192 Orillia	Orillia	7	3	3	1	4	1					13
193 Scotland	Scotland	10	10	6		1						20
194 Petrolia	Petrolia	27	16	14	10							31
195 The Tuscan	London											10
196 Madawaska	Arnprior	3	3	3								15
197 Saugeen	Walkerton	4	3	1	3							16
198 White Oak	Oakville											10
199 Frelighsburch	Frelighsburch											10
200 St. Alban's	Mount Forest	4	3									15
201 Leeds	Gananoque	11	5	5								21
202 Mount Royal	Montreal	1										18
203 Irvine	Elora	10			1							21
204 Doric	Danville											9
205 New Dominion	New Hamburg											9
Totals		1343	1138	1042	300	518	76	143	16	00	53	8022

RECAPITULATION

Of the Returns of Lodges for the year ending 24th June, 1868, as far as heard from.

Lodges working under warrants.....	195
“ represented in Grand Lodge..... :	170
“ organized	206
“ extinct and dormant.....	11
“ resuscitated	2
“ working.....	195
Initiations reported.....	1,243
Passings “	1,138
Raisings “	1,042
Joinings “	300
Resignations “	518
Deaths “	76
Suspensions for non-payment of dues	143
“ “ unmasonic conduct.....	16
Expulsions	00
Restorations	53
Members in good standing	8,022

Receipts from Lodges for the fiscal year ending 31st December, 1867, for fees, dues, etc.....	\$8,023 33
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Assets of Grand Lodge, as per Grand Treasurer's Statement to 30th June, 1868.....	\$27,527 54
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Masonic Asylum Fund, as reported 30th June, 1868	\$4,701 40
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. The Fourteenth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge will be held at the City of Montreal on the second Wednesday in July. A. L. 5869, A. D. 1869.

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